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died young. 8. Lillie A., born February 4, 1833. 9. Rachel, born May 28, 1835; became the wife of Robert S. P. McCall, and now resides in Tarentum, honored and esteemed by all who have the honor of her acquaintance.

TREES

The prosperity of a community depends largely upon its inhabitants, who are responsible to a certain extent in its progress and development, and among those who have been active factors in the development of the town of Brackenridge must be mentioned John F. Trees, the genial and popular proprietor of Hotel Trees, the leading hostelry of that place.

(I) Joseph Trees, grandfather of John F. Trees, was a native of England, in which country he was reared and received his education, coming to this country in manhood, and settling in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1816. He followed his trade of miller in Westmoreland county, near Belmont, earning a lucrative livelihood. His wife, who was a native of England, bore him five sons: John, Joseph, Isaac, James, Levi, all of whom followed the trades of millwright and miller with the exception of James, who was an attorney.

(II) Levi Trees, son of Joseph Trees, was a native of New Salem, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, died near Saltsburg, Indiana county, Pennsylvania. He was a miller by trade and was the proprietor of a flour mill at Saltsburg, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, which he operated successfully for many years, deriving therefrom a goodly income. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, as was also his wife and children, and was a Democrat in politics. He married Julia Jamison, born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1829, daughter of Major Samuel S. Jamison, who served in the War of 1812, and who was a contractor and drover, contracting for the first railroad bridge at Saltsburg, one-half mile long, timber all hewed from pine trees. He died about the year 1876, aged eighty-two years. He and his wife were the parents of six children: John C., deceased, who was a real estate man of Pittsburgh; Benton, deceased, who was a banker of Philadelphia, and a coal operator; Samuel S., a merchant; Evaline, deceased; Julia, aforementioned as the wife of Levi Trees; Mary. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Trees: Samuel, deceased; Sarah, James, Thomas, Lina, John F., Harry, Asa Packer.

(III) John F. Trees, son of Levi Trees, was born in Saltsburg, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1866. He attended the public schools of Saltsburg until seventeen years of age, thus gaining a thorough and practical education, after which he served an apprenticeship at the trade of carpenter, which line of work he followed for some time after becoming a journeyman, and in 1887 took up his residence in Tarentum, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in the restaurant business until 1901, during which time he acquired a thorough knowledge of that art, and the success which attended his efforts prompted him to attempt larger enter-

prises, and accordingly he erected a hotel at Brackenridge, which he named Hotel Trees, and of which he has since been the successful proprietor, also owner of the building. The extensive patronage accorded him speaks well for his excellent management, he devoting his entire attention to looking after the comfort and pleasure of his many patrons, who are unanimous in their praise of him as a host. Mr. Trees casts his vote for the candidates of the Republican party, but has never aspired to public office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business pursuits. He is a member of Tarentum Lodge, No. 644, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Tarentum.

Mr. Trees married, February 21, 1901, Sarah F. Frampton, of Tarentum, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of one child, Martha E., born September 9, 1908.

RODGERS

Son of parents who were natives of Pennsylvania, William Adams Rodgers, son of James Rodgers, was born near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, October 18, 1816. Upon attaining man's estate he was captain of a canal boat on the Ohio river, then became connected with the iron and steel manufacturing industry. He moved to Parker, Pennsylvania, where his parents are buried, and he became manager of a furnace, later accepting a similar position near Canton, Ohio, in the employ of Peter Graff. Soon after the death of Mr. Graff, he moved to Monongahela City, Washington county, Pennsylvania, and for a time engaged in coal dealing, later managing several furnaces, one in Paulding county, Ohio, another in Latonia, Ohio. One of his business connections was with the Rochester Plow Factory, of Rochester, Pennsylvania, of which he was president, and in 1862 he moved to Bellevue, Pennsylvania, purchasing eight acres of land. He became the owner of considerable more property in this place, and was a man of prominence, one of the streets of Bellevue bearing his name, and there he lived until his death, in December, 1872. He was a man well favored by nature with pleasing personal attributes, possessing many friends, and by those who knew him only in business relations he was rightly adjudged a man of sound and upright principle, from which deviation was an unknown thing. He was a Republican in political faith, and although reared in the Methodist Episcopal faith, in later life turned to the Catholic religion. He was prominently identified with the Masonic order.

Mr. Rodgers married Mary Davis, who survived him five years, dying in August, 1877. Children of William Adams and Mary (Davis) Rodgers: 1. James Alexander, died in infancy. 2. Alexander Hawthorne, died in 1880, aged thirty-six years. 3. George W., died aged forty-five years. 4. Frank J., died in Bellevue, Pennsylvania, August 28, 1914, aged sixty-seven years. 5. Robert E., lives in Bellevue, Pennsylvania, aged sixty-five years. 6. Mary, since 1863 has lived in the family home, which she recently sold. 7. William H., died aged twenty-eight years. 8. Thomas C., resides

in Bellevue, Pennsylvania, aged fifty-eight years. 9. Martha C., married Thomas P. Flinn, of Wellsville, Ohio.

ENGLISH

Three generations of this branch of the English family have resided in the United States, the ancestor, Samuel English, coming to Pennsylvania from county Tyrone, Ireland, in 1823, settling first in Philadelphia, later in Allegheny county, where his son, John English, and his grandson, Andrew Bowers English, have succeeded him. The present representative of the family, Andrew Bowers English, is one of the veteran farmers and veterinary surgeons of Allegheny county, now living retired at Mars, Pennsylvania.

(I) Samuel English married, in Ireland, Elizabeth McLane, and in 1823 came to the United States, settling in Philadelphia. Later he journeyed westward, finding a home at Evergreen, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, but moving to Pine township in 1841, there purchasing a farm that he cleared and improved and on which he lived until his death at age of eighty-seven years. He was a man of means and education, fond of travel, and during his life in the United States revisited Europe on three occasions. On his return from his last journey abroad he landed in Canada and for pure pleasure made the trip to Pittsburgh, overland, walking most of the way. He did not engage in any business in this country, but managed his farming and clearing operations as overseer only. Children: Alexander, James, Samuel, Elizabeth, Jane, Mary, John, Andrew, Margaret.

(II) John English, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (McLane) English, was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, in 1809. He attended school in Ireland until fourteen years of age, then came with his parents to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, there completing his education and learning his trade with John Bowers, confectioner and baker. He worked with Mr. Bowers until the latter's death in Philadelphia in 1830, then continued in the employ of the widow, who succeeded to the business and eventually he married Eliza, daughter of his employer, and engaged in business for himself. In 1841 he moved to Western Pennsylvania, locating in Allegheny City (Pittsburgh, North Side), where he was one of the first members of the regular city police force and held a position in the state penitentiary. In 1848, owing to ill health, he was obliged to forsake city life and purchasing fifty acres in Pine township, Allegheny county, resided thereon for several years. Later he moved to Butler county, where he owned and operated a farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres. Later he returned to Allegheny county and with his wife passed his last years at the home of his son, Andrew Bowers English, who had been left a widower. He enlisted with his son, John, in the Union army under President Lincoln's first call for "three months" men, but did not see much active service. He married Eliza Bowers, of Philadelphia, daughter of John and Rosana (Bloom) Bowers. John Bowers was of prominent German ancestry, a soldier of the War of 1812, and was one of the leading confectioners, caterers and

bakers of Philadelphia. Rosana (Bloom) Bowers was born in Center county, Pennsylvania, of German parentage, and as Mrs. Bowers was very prominent in Philadelphia, and during the Jackson campaign she superintended several great feasts prepared by his adherents. At one of these was served an immense bear, as the "piece de resistance," roasted whole, another time a buffalo was furnished to the crowd, and at a third gathering a large ox was roasted for the entertainment of the enthusiastic democracy. John and Rosana (Bloom) Bowers had children: Eliza, married John English, John, died young, George, Samuel, Christian, Susanna, John (3), Andrew. Children of John and Eliza (Bowers) English: Samuel John, served in the Civil War; Andrew Bowers, of further mention; Alexander, served four years in the Union army; Elizabeth McLane, John Bowers, Samuel, Hugh Craig, Mary Jane, James Thompson, Margaret Logan, Sarah Bell, Matilda Stanton.

(III) Andrew Bowers English, son of John and Eliza (Bowers) English, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1839, and was brought to Pittsburgh North Side (Allegheny City) by his parents, May 4, 1843. He could read even at that early age, and for the next four years was instructed in the public schools. He continued his studies in the country schools and at an older age read medicine with a local doctor, intending to become a physician. In 1862-63-64 he taught in public schools and also taught singing schools. At the age of twenty-eight years he established a general store at Five Points, near Mars, Pennsylvania, which business three years later he sold to his brother, Hugh Craig English. After his marriage in 1871 he purchased a farm of seventy-two acres near Mars, on which he yet resides. After farming exclusively for a few years, he began practicing as a veterinarian, the medical study of former years having been supplemented by study and by practice in a small way on his own and neighbors' stock. He became quite famous locally as a horse and cattle doctor, and until quite recently conducted practice in connection with his farming operations. He has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since his youth, and in political faith is a Republican. He has held several public offices in the township, including that of auditor, and although now in his seventy-sixth year is well preserved, active and interested in all the affairs of life.

Mr. English married, March 2, 1871, Lizzie, youngest daughter of Judge Samuel Marshall. She died June 6, 1888, the mother of five children: Daisy Deane, Walter Barr, Margaret Logan, Eliza Bowers, deceased, and Hamilton Crawford. After the death of his wife the parents of Mr. English returned from Butler county and under the loving care of their grandmother the children were reared. They yet reside with their honored father, there being but two vacant places in the family circle, the mother and daughter, Eliza Bowers English, who died in 1888.

BECK

The father of George Edward Beck, of this chronicle, John Jacob Beck, was a native of Germany, and was there educated. Coming to the United States in young manhood, he became a carpenter and contractor, afterward specializing in the building of furnaces. About 1870, in partnership with a Mr. Guinner, he accepted a contract for paving the streets of Sharpsburg, which was successfully completed, the streets of the town being raised about three feet in the course of the operation. At one time he was assistant manager of the Isabella Blast Furnaces, resigning that position to continue his independent business dealings, abandoning contracting in 1872. Mr. Beck was made a Mason in Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side), and in Etna was, with J. J. Kyle, the organizer of a lodge of that society, the lodge owning at this time chairs that he purchased for use in the lodge rooms. In the building of the Smithfield Street German Lutheran Church he played an important part, H. J. Heinz also contributing generously to the fund thus employed, and Mr. Beck and his family were members thereof. He was twice married, his first wife Catherine ——, his second Catherine Miller, both natives of Germany. Children of the first marriage of John Jacob Beck: Frederick, Catherine, Louisa, Gustav, Oscar, Christina, John Jacob, of whom further. Children of the second marriage of John Jacob Beck: Charles, George Edward, of whom further, Anna, William, Herman, Carrie.

John Jacob (2) Beck, son of John Jacob (1) and his first wife, Catherine Beck, was born in Manchester (Allegheny City), Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1864, and was educated in the schools of Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. In this place he learned the trade of butcher, and was thus employed in Sharpsburg for thirty years. He subsequently became a partner in the glass business and in December, 1910, succeeded to the offices of president and general manager, which he now fills. The company is one of firm founding, ably officered, and has had a successful career, Mr. Beck's share in its present prosperity one of which he may well be proud. He is a Republican in politics, and elected on the ticket of that party to the borough council, he served as a member of that body for six years. He affiliates with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and fraternizes with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic Order, in the latter society holding the thirty-second degree.

George Edward Beck, son of John Jacob and his second wife, Catherine (Miller) Beck, was born in Stewartstown (Etna), Pennsylvania, in 1869. He was educated in the public schools of Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, Professor Paulson his instructor. For twelve years he was employed in the Spang-Chalfante Mills, and in 1901 purchased his present property, the Windsor Hotel, of which he is now proprietor, his business a profitable and flourishing one. Mr. Beck is a member of the Pittsburgh Automobile Club, the Schuley National Club, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Politically he is a strong Republican sympathizer, and has been active in public affairs. He married (first) in 1890, Florence Drummond,

(second) Barbara Fischer, of Millvale, Pennsylvania. By his first marriage he had one child, Levern, deceased, and by his second he has a daughter, Catherine, living at home.

RIGHTS

This name Rights is one of the Anglicized forms of the German surname Reitz and prevails quite generally in this branch.

Lawrence Rights, of Bellevue, Pennsylvania, was a son of Simon and Eva (Nirod) Rights, early settlers of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, where Simon died. His widow moved to Ohio and there died, aged nearly one hundred years. Children: Simon, Lawrence, of further mention; Adam, deceased; Mary, Elizabeth.

Lawrence Rights was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1840. His early years were spent in Ohio with his mother and there he attended public school until his fifteenth year, when he moved to Pittsburgh, making his home with his mother's brother. There he attended the Iron City Business College. He learned the tinsmith trade, was for twenty-one years foreman for a large Pittsburgh concern, and a well known master builder. He was a resident of Bellevue from 1871 until his death in 1899, owning a comfortable house at No. 90 Sheraden avenue. He served in the Civil War for three months, was a Republican in politics, and for over thirty years was a member of Lodge No. 336, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He was a Lutheran in his religious faith.

Mr. Rights married, October 12, 1871, Martha Coates, born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, December 19, 1851, daughter of Daniel Matthews and Mary Ann (Boneworth) Coates, her father born in Staffordshire, England, January 20, 1815, her mother in Germany, November, 1820. Daniel M. Coates was a son of John and Ann (Matthews) Coates, of Sheffield, England. John Coates came to the United States in 1821, his wife and family coming in 1824. They settled in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where John and Anna Coates both died, the former August 15, 1855, and the latter January 22, 1863. Daniel Matthews Coates came to Pittsburgh when a boy and there lived until his death, May 19, 1880. He was an artist of unusual talent. He married, in Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, April 1, 1836, Mary Ann Boneworth, born in Butterdorf, Germany, died January 4, 1892. Children: John, William, Mary Ann, Anna, Martha, wife of Lawrence Rights; Sarah, and a son, deceased. All born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. Children of Lawrence and Martha (Coates) Rights: 1. Gertrude, died aged four and a half months. 2. Mary Maude, educated in private school and Avalon High School; studied music, and later took a course in music at Wooster University, Ohio, and studied harmony under Professor Charles M. Boyd; Miss Rights is now organist of Avalon Trinity Lutheran Church, and is a well known, accomplished musician. Mrs. Martha (Coates) Rights continues her residence in Bellevue, she and her daughter being members of the United Presbyterian Church.

KNELL

Louis Knell, of Bellevue, Pennsylvania, is a son of John P. Knell, born in Germany, who in 1860 came to Pennsylvania, settling in Pittsburgh, where he plied his trade of shoemaker. He operated his own shop and employed several men in caring for his large trade. His home was in Oakmont, where he died in 1911. He married (first) Elizabeth Freedman, born in Pittsburgh, who bore him three children: Louis, of further mention; Elizabeth, Rose. He married (second) Mary McChesney, who bore him six children: John, Aggie, Harry, Anna, deceased, Ida, George.

Louis Knell was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1865. He was educated in the public schools and spent his earlier years in that city. Later he was on a farm in Armstrong county for three years, lived in Verona, Pennsylvania, seventeen years, then returned to Allegheny county, where he resided until 1898, then moved to Bellevue, Pennsylvania, where he has since been continuously engaged as a hardware merchant, his residence being at No. 107 South Harrison avenue. He is a Republican in politics, a member of Avalon Lodge, No. 657, Free and Accepted Masons; Bellevue Chapter, No. 287, Royal Arch Masons; Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, Knights Templar; Bellevue Lodge of Heptasophs; and was a charter member of General McClellan Lodge, No. 150, Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Both he and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Knell married, in 1891, Anna Hunter, born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Mary (Chestman) Hunter, both born in England, coming to Pittsburgh in 1850. They are both deceased. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter: Mary, Elizabeth, John, deceased, Anna, wife of Louis Knell; Jennie, deceased, Julia, Laura. Louis and Anna Knell have one son, Louis Raymond, born May 31, 1893.

KAMMERER

Germany has contributed to the population of the United States to a large extent, her sons being numbered among the most patriotic and loyal of our citizens, and John Kammerer, of this review, was no exception to the rule, he ever proving faithful to the country of his adoption.

John Kammerer was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, November 17, 1843, which country was also the birthplace of his parents, who spent their entire lives there. John Kammerer left his native land with the idea of improving his surroundings, the New World offering opportunities not to be found in the Old, and in 1868, the year of his emigration, settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where for a number of years he followed his trade of shoemaker. Later he removed to Etna, Pennsylvania, where he was the successful proprietor of a shoe store, and in 1901 changed his place of residence to Brackenridge, where he was the proprietor of a hotel, which was largely patronized, it being conducted in a manner satisfactory to its many guests, and he conducted the same until his death, which occurred

January 22, 1903. He was the owner of considerable other property in Brackenridge, from which he added considerably to his income, and was actively interested in community affairs, aiding to the best of his ability in all projects for the public good. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church, and his political allegiance was given to the Republican party.

Mr. Kammerer married, in 1868, in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, Mary Alf, born in Wurtemberg, Germany, August 27, 1846 daughter of Marcus and Theresa (Marger) Alf, who were born, lived and died in Germany. Mrs. Kammerer came to the United States in the same ship with her intended husband, their marriage taking place in the same year, 1868. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kammerer, namely: 1. Frederick, deceased. 2. Wilhelm Christian, a resident of St. Louis; married Mary Nady; children: William, Clyde, Gladys. 3. August F., a resident of Etna, Pennsylvania; married Sarah Hartung; children: Charles, Sarah, Mary, Braun, deceased. 4. Minnie C., wife of John Page Dieffenbach, of Milton, Pennsylvania; children: Harold, Elizabeth, Rubie, Catharine. 5. Mary M., wife of Alvin B. Kline, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; children: Mary, Martha, Jane, Alice. 6. John F., unmarried. 7. Louisa A., died November 8, 1913; she was the wife of W. A. Gauter; children: Edwin and Gladys. 8. Lillian O., died January 31, 1914. 9. Elsie D., wife of Wesley L. Atkinson, of Brackenridge, Pennsylvania; children: Linn, Eugene, John, Blair. The family have always held an honored place in the social life of the various communities in which they have resided, and have been active factors in every worthy undertaking.

SMITH

The late Walter Henry Smith, of Tarentum, where he resided for the last nine years of his life, was a man of great integrity of character, upright and honorable in all his transactions, a man who won and retained the confidence and good will of all with whom he was brought in contact. He was a native of Leeds, England, born January 16, 1845, son of John and Mary (Marshall) Smith.

John Smith, father of Walter Henry Smith, was born in England, was there reared and educated, and subsequently emigrated to the United States, settling first in Wheeling, Pennsylvania, where he resided until 1850, when he removed to Pittsburgh, South Side, locating on Fourth avenue, where he established a dyeing and scouring business, in which he was very successful, his patronage steadily increasing year by year, owing to his thorough business methods. He there spent the remainder of his days, his death occuring May 10, 1889, aged seventy-four years. He attended the Presbyterian Church, although he was reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church. His wife, Mary (Marshall) Smith, also a native of England, died in Pittsburgh, July 12, 1887, aged sixty-six years. They were the parents of six children: Walter Henry, of whom further; Joseph; Sarah, deceased; Elizabeth; Samuel; Charles.

Walter Henry Smith accompanied his parents to this country, residing

first in Wheeling and then in Pittsburgh, and his education was acquired in the public schools of the latter named city. Upon attaining a suitable age he entered his father's employ, gaining a thorough knowledge of the business in which he was engaged, and upon the death of his father was qualified to continue the business, which he conducted for two more years in Pittsburgh, then removed to Tarentum, still continuing the same line of work, from which he derived a comfortable livelihood, and remained a resident of that city until his death, May 5, 1900, aged fifty-five years. He was an active and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, and he was a staunch upholder of the principles of the Republican party. He was active in community affairs in both Pittsburgh and Tarentum, and his influence for good was manifest in many directions.

Mr. Smith married, in 1877, Emma McKnight, born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, June 24, 1845, daughter of David Sterrett and Elizabeth (Wageley) McKnight, and they were the parents of four children: 1. Mary Elizabeth, died in August, 1882, aged twenty-two months. 2. Oliver J., a sheet worker, resides at home. 3. Loretta Elizabeth, wife of Harry Smith Rishel, an employee of the Tarentum Lumber Company. 4. Lida Marie, died June 10, 1890, aged one year, five months, five days.

James McKnight, paternal grandfather of Emma (McKnight) Smith, was a native of Ireland, from which country he emigrated to the United States, and became one of the pioneer settlers of Crawford county, Pennsylvania, being the owner of seven hundred acres of land there. His wife, Jane (Sterrett) McKnight, was also a native of Ireland. David Sterrett McKnight, father of Emma (McKnight) Smith, was born in Meadville, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, died in 1878, aged seventy-four years; his wife, a native of Brookville, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, died in 1897, aged eighty-two years. She was a daughter of John and Sarah (Clauson) Wageley, who erected the second house in Meadville, where his death occurred, the death of his wife occurring in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. David Sterrett and Elizabeth (Wageley) McKnight were the parents of ten children: Sarah Catherine, deceased; David Sterrett, deceased; Robert Prime; Harriet Melissa, deceased; infant, deceased; Emma, aforementioned; Anna Eliza; Mary Elizabeth; John Albert, died January 20, 1911, he was a Congregational minister; William Wageley.

ADAMS

In the death of John Adams, for many years a prominent resident of Tarentum, the community lost not only a singularly successful man, but a most worthy and honored citizen. He was not only successful himself, but was largely influential in the success of others, and he has left to posterity that priceless heritage, an honored name.

John Adams was born in the state of Pennsylvania, in 1834, son of —— Adams, whose death occurred many years ago, and Sarah (Adams) Adams, who after the death of her first husband married Isaac Milligan, by whom she had a large family, all of whom are now deceased. She died in

Tarentum, 1904, aged ninety-three years. Alexander Adams, brother of John Adams, enlisted from Tarentum, under Captain Boyd, in the One Hundred and Twenty-third Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; he married Belle Thompson and had two children: Charles, vice-president of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company of New York City, a self-made man, married and has two children; Harry, died aged four years.

John Adams was reared in Freeport, Pennsylvania, educated in its public schools, and came to Tarentum, in 1859, unmarried, and he and his brother Alexander were engaged in the foundry and contracting business until the Civil War broke out when Alexander went to the front, and John Adams sold out his interest in the business, after which he became a coal operator, owning a farm which was underlaid with coal, and he also operated a stone quarry, from which he derived a handsome income, becoming a well-to-do man, although starting out with no capital, but with a large stock of perseverence, energy and thrift. For ten years prior to his death he led a retired life, enjoying the fruit of his many years of toil. He owned property in Tarentum, Pennsylvania, erecting a house in 1865, in which he resided until his death, December 21, 1912, and in which his widow and children are residing at the present time (1914). He was also the owner of a farm in the state of Virginia. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as is also his wife, and in politics he adhered to the principles of the Republican party.

Mr. Adams married, December 11, 1859, Helen Marr Calpass, born in Miami county, Ohio, March 26, 1842, daughter of Christopher and Mary Ann (Ford) Calpass, the former named born in England, in 1811, died in Tarentum, Pennsylvania, in 1889, and his wife was born in Virginia, in 1817, died in Powhatan county, Virginia, in 1879, and there buried. After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Calpass settled in Miami county, Ohio; in 1851 removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; resided for a short period of time at Monaca, Pennsylvania, removing from there to Bridgewater, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade of tailor; in 1854 removed to Tarentum, Pennsylvania, and some years later purchased a farm in Powhatan county, Virginia, but subsequently returned to Tarentum, where his death occurred. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Episcopal Church, his wife having been a member of the Baptist Church. Their children were: Helen Marr, aforementioned; William Wallace, of Mount Chestnut, Butler county, Pennsylvania. Christopher Calpass was the son of Robert and Mary (Blackburn) Calpass, the former named of whom came from England to Tarentum, Pennsylvania, and died there at the home of his son, and the latter named died in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams were the parents of ten children: 1. Ella Amanda, widow of Matthew Shields Adams. 2. John Christopher, a resident of Greensburg, Pennsylvania; married and is the father of ten children, all of whom are living: Charles, Lewis, Le Roy, John, Helen, George, Howard, Mabel, James, Paul. 3. Charles Albert, a resident of Farr, Pennsylvania; married and is the father of two children: Clifford and Welty. 4. Harry

Hamilton, a resident of Duquesne, Pennsylvania; married and is the father of two children: Gladys and Russell. 5. Robert Alexander, a resident of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania; married and is the father of four children: Carl, Helen, Marion, Kenneth. 6. Edward Thomas, a resident of Tarentum, Pennsylvania; married and is the father of one child, Laura. 7. Fulton Lee, a resident of New Kensington, Pennsylvania; married and was the father of two children: Walter, deceased; Violet. 8. Mary, wife of Samuel Clark Morgan, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 9. Violet Iola, wife of Arthur Walter Waltenbaugh, of Tarentum, Pennsylvania; children: Arthur Adams and Belva Marr. 10. Frank Ford, deceased.

SAINT

The two generations of this English family that have had American homes have, in the line here followed, been alike in one respect, that father and son were both engaged in contracting operations in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. This was the calling of James Saint, born in England, who after coming to this country made his home in Sharpsburg, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he was in business until his death, in November, 1888. James Saint was a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was identified with the Republican party. He married Emily Seavey, born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, who now lives in Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. Children of James and Emily (Seavey) Saint: W. J. T.; Emma, married Dr. S. P. Barnes, of Massillon, Stark county, Ohio; Josiah Seavey, of whom further; Anna T.

Josiah Seavey Saint was born in Sharpsburg, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1862. That place was his boyhood home, and there he passed his later years. His education was obtained in the public schools and the Sharpsburg Academy, his studies being completed in Allegheny College. Mr. Saint's first occupation was that which had previously claimed his father's attention and labors, contracting, and after withdrawing from this line he established in Sharpsburg as a hardware merchant, there being proprietor of a store for thirty years. His position as one of the foremost business men of the borough was an assured one, and his store received the generous patronage that invariably rewards courteous attention, good service and fair value. Mr. Saint was prominent in the founding and organization of the Citizens' Deposit and Trust Company, of Sharpsburg, at the first election of officers being made its president, administering this important office until his death, November 14, 1913. The resolutions of appreciation and condolence passed by the board of directors of this institution at this time were echoed in sincere sympathy by his numberless friends, to whom his life, passed in honest effort and the favor of his fellows, had been at once an object of true admiration and earnest emulation. To his family he was the kind, loving and devoted husband and father, the affection that was lavished in the home circle nerving and strengthening him for his daily tasks and duties. Mr. Saint affiliated with the Republican party, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Saint married, March 29, 1888, Kate C., born at Etna, Allegheny

county, Pennsylvania, July 14, 1861, daughter of James L. and Mary (Corns) Henderson. Children: 1. Marie Anna, born December 19, 1889; educated at Oberlin College; married George F. Smith, of Denver, Colorado. 2. James Henderson, born August 23, 1891; a hardware merchant of Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. 3. William Seavey, born July 25, 1893; connected with the Citizens' Deposit and Trust Company, of Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. 4. Isabella Catherine, born February 2, 1895; a student in high school. 5. Charles C., born October 8, 1897; a student. The family residence continues at No. 111 Eastern avenue, Aspinwall, Pennsylvania.

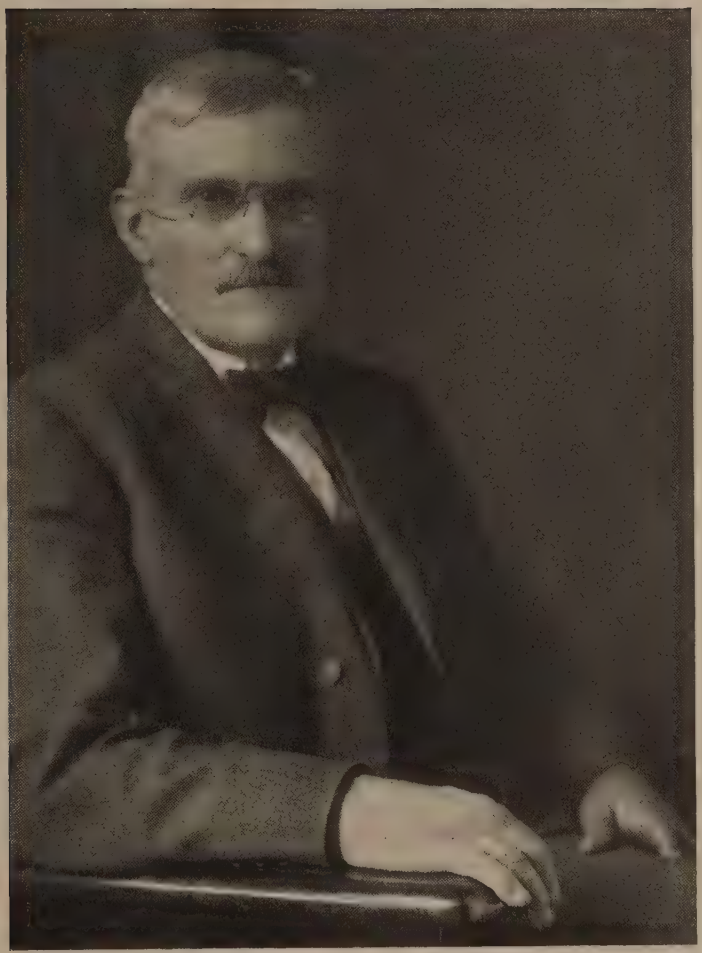
JOHNSTON

Huntingdon, York and Washington counties, Pennsylvania, early knew the name of Johnston, and the members of this branch have since made the name a common one in all parts of the state and county. It appeared in York county with James Johnston, who about 1879 moved to Washington county, where his death occurred. He married Elizabeth McCalley, a native of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. They had several children, one of whom, Andrew, is mentioned further.

(II) Andrew Johnston, son of James Johnston, was born at Peach Bottom, York county, Pennsylvania, in 1787, died in 1866. In manhood he became a miller, but spent the greater part of his active years in agricultural pursuits. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church, while in politics he was first a Whig and then a Republican. He married Rebecca, daughter of Joseph Robb, born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Robb was a son of John Robb; he settled in St. Clair township, where he died. One of his sons, Isaac, settled in Westmoreland county, where he laid out the town of Robbstown, now West Newton. Joseph Robb inherited the homestead, and there lived until his death. He was the father of: Chesterfield, a physician of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania; Harvey, inherited the homestead, at one time register of wills in Allegheny county; Rebecca, of previous mention, married Andrew Johnston, and died in 1884. Children of Andrew and Rebecca (Robb) Johnston: William Robb, of whom further; Alexander Finley; Thomas, died aged eighteen years; Ada, married John D. Carson, of Sewickley, Pennsylvania.

(III) William Robb Johnston, son of Andrew and Rebecca (Robb) Johnston, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1843, and lived on the farm in that county until he was eighteen years of age. The outbreak of the Civil War finding him at the age necessary for enlistment he became a member of Company D, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in August, 1862, and he fought in all the battles in which the Army of the Potomac was engaged from that time until the declaration of peace. Chancellorsville and Gettysburg saw him in action, and on May 8, 1864, he was wounded at Spottsylvania Court House, and rejoined his regiment on the 6th of the following August before Petersburg. On September 1, 1864, he became a sergeant, and received an honorable discharge at the close of the war with this rank. Mr. Johnston



W R Johnston

came to Bellevue, Pennsylvania, in 1869, and has there since made his home, for the past twenty years engaging in real estate and insurance dealings. For about thirty years he held the office of justice of the peace, has been tax collector since the creation of that office, and in 1883 was elected county director of the poor. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic Order, being a charter member and past master of Bellevue Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, a charter member of Bellevue Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and the only surviving charter member of Allegheny Commandery, Knights Templar. He also is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Union Veteran Legion. Mr. Johnston is prominent among the leading citizens of Bellevue, and wields a weighty influence in the circles in which he moves.

Mr. Johnston married, in 1873, Emma, daughter of Hugh Forester, the latter an early settler of Bellevue. Children of William Robb and Emma (Forester) Johnston: 1. Andrew, married a Miss Myers, and resides in Bellevue; they have children: Elizabeth and Andrew. 2. Mary Florence, married Albert Craig. 3. Emma, married Walter W. Wilson, son of Samuel Winfield Wilson, of Clarion, Pennsylvania; they are the parents of Nancy, Samuel, Winfield, Emma Louise.

FEHR

Once more are the pages of history turned to Germany for the ancestry of American citizens who have arrived at positions of prominence justifying the term success, this time in the case of George B. Fehr, of Aspinwall, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He is a son of Henry and Mary (Koch) Fehr, both of his parents natives of Germany who immigrated to the United States, settling in Pittsburgh, where they died, he in 1871, she in 1908. They were the parents of: Sarah, Martha, George B., of whom further, Mary, Albert, Emma, Lillie.

George B. Fehr was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in December, 1863. He was reared in the city of his birth and there attended the public schools, beginning his business career as a youth as a cash boy, his weekly pay being one dollar and a quarter. For a time thereafter he was employed in Klorman's Steel Mills on Thirty-third street, a concern afterward absorbed by the Carnegie interests, there remaining for about two years. At the early age of sixteen years he opened a most interesting chapter in his life by accepting a position as a commercial traveler, during the course of his continuance in that line covering practically all of the United States, gaining an experience and a knowledge that has been almost invaluable to him in his later business life. He was at one time proprietor of an art store on Federal street, Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side), in 1906 organizing the Aspinwall Delafield Company, which concern laid out the Delafield addition to Aspinwall and Delafield Heights, the latter being an operation extending over an area of three hundred and fifty acres. The Aspinwall-Delafield Company has conducted the promotion of this locality in an admirable manner, has attracted thither people of means and desirability, and has firmly established it as one of the finest suburban dis-

tricts in Allegheny county. Mr. Fehr was one of the organizers, and is at this time a director, of the First National Bank, of Aspinwall. The spirit of accomplishment that has been Mr. Fehr's distinguishing characteristic in business dealings has been plainly noticeable in his public and political career. A Republican in politics, he has served as president of the Aspinwall council, and in this and other relations to the municipal life has given of the best of his service and time. No worthy project has been inaugurated in Aspinwall that lacked his hearty and enthusiastic support, and his place as a substantial, progressive and representative citizen is secure. He and his wife are communicants of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married, in 1896, Emma E. Lepper, of Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, and has children: Catherine, Elizabeth, George Milton.

EMERICK

Henry Gilbert Emerick is a member of one of the old pioneer families of western Pennsylvania, who by dint of their courage, enterprise and hard work, laid the foundation of the present greatness and prosperity of the region.

(I) The first of the Emerick name to come from more eastern parts to the country west of the great Appalachian highlands was the great-grandfather of Henry G. Emerick, who was a pioneer in Butler county, Pennsylvania, where he settled and cleared away enough land from the wilderness to farm. Here he and his wife died leaving nine children, some of whom are yet living. They were as follows: David, deceased; Sarah, living at the age of eighty-five years; Hannah, deceased; Daniel, deceased; Lena, deceased; Eliza, deceased; Henry; Maria and Margaret, the last named living at the age of seventy years.

(II) Henry Emerick, the seventh child of the pioneer, and grandfather of Henry G. Emerick, was also a native of the eastern part of the state and presumably came west at the time of his parents' emigration. He married a Miss Stout and one of their children was Henry, of whom further.

(III) Henry (2) Emerick, son of Henry (1) Emerick, was born on a farm in possession of his father in Economy township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1834. He was reared on the farm where he was born, and obtained his education in the local schools. He became a farmer, reverting thus to the occupation of his grandfather, his father having been a carpenter by trade. In his politics, however, he followed in his father's footsteps, they both being staunch members of the Republican party. He married Eliza Otto, a native of Butler county, Pennsylvania, having been born near Brush Creek in the year 1844. She was the only daughter of her parents who were early settlers in New Sewickley township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania. Both Mr. and Mrs. Emerick Sr. are members of the Breitenstein Lutheran Church. Mrs. Emerick died in the year 1900, but he is still living. To them were born ten children, as follows: Henry Gilbert, of whom further; Getley; Clara, now Mrs. George Shaffer; Elizabeth, who lives at home with her father; Mary, now Mrs. Edwin Gross; Ida, now Mrs. Sherman Gray, of Leetsdale, Pennsylvania; George, a resident of

Rochester, Pennsylvania; Tillie, now Mrs. William Hicks, of Cleveland, Ohio; Emma, now Mrs. John Keown, of Economy township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania; Oscar, a resident of Cleveland, Ohio.

(IV) Henry Gilbert Emerick, eldest child of Henry (2) and Eliza (Otto) Emerick, was born November 30, 1860, on the old homestead in Economy township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania. He was reared on the farm until he reached the age of eighteen years, and then learned the carpenter's trade. He then removed to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where he worked at his trade for eleven years. At the end of this period he removed to Edgeworth, near Sewickley, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and here he has lived for the past twenty-three years. On becoming settled in this region, he engaged in a contracting and building business, an enterprise which has prospered greatly. Mr. Emerick is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Elks of Ambridge.

Mr. Emerick married, May 21, 1891, Emma Schleiter, a native of Freedom, Pennsylvania, where she was born May 29, 1869. Mrs. Emerick was a daughter of Conrad and Fredericka (Flehmann) Schleiter. Mr. Schleiter was a native of Rosental, Germany, where he was born in 1839, and his wife was also born in that country in 1843. They came to this country from Germany singly and were married in New York State. They later removed to Freedom, Pennsylvania, in 1844, where Mr. Schleiter owned marble and granite works and did an extensive business which enabled him to retire when fifty-seven years of age. Both he and Mrs. Schleiter are members of the Lutheran Church. They are the parents of twelve children, as follows: William, Edward, Emma, Henry, Frederick, Frank, Adelia, Conrad, Wilhelmina, August, George and Carl. Mr. and Mrs. Emerick are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in that belief have reared their family of four children, who are as follows: Florence, born March 17, 1892, now the wife of Alva P. Crum, of Conway, Pennsylvania; Frederick C., born December 9, 1893, educated in the Edgeworth public schools, in the Sewickley High School, which he attended for two years, and for two years and a half studied in the American Bridge Company's school, is now a mechanic, a templet maker by trade, working on the government works and has also been employed by J. B. Semple; Mary, born April 20, 1897, now in high school; Edward, born March 2, 1906.

BREADING

From Scotland, the land of its origin, to Ireland, and thence to America has been the course of the Breading family, numerous in Pennsylvania. The cause that impelled the members thereof to seek voluntary exile was the religious unrest in Scotland, while their further pilgrimage was a search for improved conditions and wider opportunities than those afforded by their adopted Irish land.

(I) The American ancestor of this line was David Breading, born in Ireland, who came to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1728, accompanied by his son, James, of whom further.

(II) James Breading, son of David Breading, married in Pennsylvania, and had two sons: 1. Nathaniel, born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1751, died in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1822; he served in the American army under General Washington in the Revolutionary War; he held the title of judge and was early upon the bench of Pennsylvania; he married Ann, daughter of General Ewing. 2. David, of whom further.

(III) David (2) Breading, son of James Breading, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1756. He served under General Washington in the Revolution and was a witness of that general's stern reprimand of General Lee. He married and had a son David, of whom further.

(IV) David (3) Breading, son of David (2) Breading, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, died in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1844, having moved to that locality in 1794. He was a farmer throughout his entire life, his death occurring when he was eighty-six years of age. He married, November 17, 1785, Elizabeth Clark, who died March 22, 1855. They had children: James, Eliza, Jane, married William Scott, Nancy, married William Lagow, Clark, of whom further. The first named four died at Troyhurst, Indiana, the victims of a scourge of cholera.

(V) Clark Breading, son of David (3) and Elizabeth (Clark) Breading, was born in Luzerne township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, March 9, 1806, died April 12, 1883. He grew to manhood on his father's farm, and to obtain an education walked daily more than four miles to the nearest school during three winter months. Opportunity was not given to attend school for a longer period of time, for the youths of the neighborhood were busied in what were considered far more practical occupations than the acquiring of an education, and it was only by diligent solitary study that Clark Breading secured the sound education that was his. Until 1865 he engaged in farming, in that year purchasing the property at the corner of Main street and Vernon avenue, there living until his death. For many years he conducted extensive stock dealing operations. His political belief was the Republican, and he was a member of the Masonic Order. He married (first) May 1, 1827, Mary Craft, who died June 2, 1828; (second) September 10, 1834, Hettie Jane Roberts, died January 10, 1868. She was a sister of Colonel William Y. Roberts, a native of Luzerne township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared to manhood and died. He was at one time a member of the Pennsylvania state legislature, and moved to Kansas, being a participant in the stirring events that gained for that state the tile of "Bleeding Kansas." He recruited a regiment from that state and commanded it throughout the Civil War. By his first marriage Clark Breading had one daughter, Margaret, who married, May 10, 1849, Dr. O. E. Newton, and resided in Cincinnati, Ohio. He had one son by his marriage with Hettie Jane Roberts, John C., of whom further.

(VI) John C. Breading, only child of Clark and Hettie Jane (Roberts) Breading, was born in Luzerne township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, August 5, 1851. Until he was seventeen years of age he lived on his father's farm, obtaining his education in the public schools, attending the Davidson

School, later Merrittstown Academy, and the Tuscarora Academy, near Philadelphia. He became a druggist and for many years was in business in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, in 1896 moving to Pittsburgh. Four years later he established in the real estate business at Bellevue, Pennsylvania, and has since been in that line, conducting in connection therewith insurance dealings, owning considerable property at the present time. His reputation as a business man of honor and integrity could not be firmer, and his upright conduct has held and holds the well-merited confidence of his associates and friends. As a Republican he was a member of the Uniontown Council, and has served in the same capacity in Bellevue for five years, in 1912 and 1913 as president of that body. To the discharge of the duties of this office he has bent the whole of his energetic progressiveness, and as a public official met with popular favor, irrespective of party lines. He holds the thirty-second degree in the Masonic Order, belonging to Bellevue Lodge, No. 530, Free and Accepted Masons, Bellevue Chapter, No. 286, Royal Arch Masons, Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, Knights Templar, and Pittsburgh Consistory. He and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Breading married, August 13, 1871, Elma, daughter of Nathaniel and Elma Brownfield, of Uniontown, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, her parents natives of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Breading are the parents of: 1. Clark, a salesman, resides in Uniontown, Pennsylvania; he married and has children: John, Elma, Ralph. 2. Hettie, married Alfred C. Stafford, of Bellevue; they are the parents of Alfred and Jane. 3. Frank B., for fourteen years connected with the United States postal service at Bellevue; married and has children, Frank and Helen. 4. Nathaniel M., a resident of Bellevue, has been associated with the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh since its organization in 1903. 5. Elma, died in Uniontown, Pennsylvania, aged six years.

GREENOUGH

James Greenough is a member of an English family representative of the best type of that strong stock which has formed the background for the developing nationality of the United States of America and remains to this day a leaven of sturdy worth in the cosmopolitan citizenship of this country. His parents on both sides of the house were English and he himself was a native of that country. His paternal grandparents passed their entire lives in Lancashire, England, and here, too, his father, Peter Greenough, lived, holding a position of manager in some coal mines in that region. He died in the year 1871, when only forty-five years of age, his wife surviving him until 1911, when she died at the advanced age of ninety-two years. He married Mary Gregory, also a native of Lancashire, where she was born in the year 1819. She was the daughter of Thomas and Betty (Hay) Gregory, life-long residents of that region. To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Greenough were born fourteen children in all, ten sons and four daughters, six of the boys, however, died in early childhood, leaving but eight who attained maturity. These were as follows: Ann, Bettie, Esther, Mary Alice, deceased, John, James, of whom further; Thomas, Peter.

James Greenough was born December 15, 1856, in Lancashire, England. He passed his childhood and early youth in that country and there received his education. At the age of twenty years, however, April 7, 1876, he set sail for the United States, and after a voyage lasting thirteen days he arrived in this country. He went first to Port Perry, Pennsylvania, remained in that place but a year, and in 1877 went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. On the night of Saturday following the Pittsburgh riot, Mr. Greenough walked from that city to Bellevue, Pennsylvania, and there has made his home ever since. He stopped for a time with his uncle, Mr. John Greenough, who as a young man had come to America, settling first in Scranton, Pennsylvania, where he secured a position as boss in a coal mine. He later removed to Bellevue, where he died in the year 1895, at which time he was engaged in a contracting business. James Greenough was a coal miner, and worked for some time for Joseph Brown, a mine owner. He later entered the contracting business, in which, for twenty-one years he has now been engaged, and during this time he has paved almost all the streets in Bellevue. His business has thus been extremely flourishing, and Mr. Greenough is now a man of substance and a prominent figure in the community. He is active in many ways in the town life, and finds time to give to many interests beyond his mere business transactions. Mr. Greenough is a member of the Republican party, and takes a keen interest in all political questions whether they apply to the mere local running of affairs or have a more general application. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, No. 339, Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He is now a large property owner on Carolyn avenue, Bellevue, and on the Walsen Place, where he owns what is known as the Jack's Run Stone Quarry.

In 1879, three years after his first arrival in the United States, Mr. Greenough returned to England, and there, in the same year, married Ellen Johnson, a native of Lancashire, England, Mr. Greenough's home county. Miss Johnson was a daughter of William Johnson, a life-long resident in England. Mr. and Mrs. Greenough shortly returned to America, and to them have been born since then seven children, as follows: Peter, deceased; James Jr.; William, deceased; John, deceased; Mary Alice, died July, 1911, at the age of twenty-three years; Ann, now nineteen years of age; Ethel, aged seventeen, a graduate of the Bellevue High School and now a student in the Parks Institute.

LUTTON

This is a partial record of a family more intimately connected with the history of Maryland than with that of Pennsylvania, although the line has been resident in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, since 1844, when Benjamin Lutton came thither from Maryland. He was a son of James and Eleanor Lutton, both born near Baltimore, Maryland, in which state their lives were passed. They were the parents of several children.

(II) Benjamin Lutton, son of James and Eleanor Lutton, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1802, died in Pittsburgh North Side, in 1874.

He grew to manhood in the place if his birth and there resided until about 1844, when he moved to Pittsburgh, in the mills of which city he found employment as a copper and steel roller, passing the remaining years of his life in that place. He married Jane (Perrine) Lutton, the widow of his brother, James. Children of her first marriage: William Henry, born October 30, 1823, died in 1910; Mary Ann, born February 23, 1826. Children of Benjamin and Jane (Perrine) (Lutton) Lutton: James Taylor, born January 1, 1829; Elizabeth Taylor, born November 3, 1831, died August 26, 1833; Elizabeth Jane, born March 30, 1834; Eleanor, born November 7, 1836; Benjamin, born May 4, 1839, died in 1903; Susanna, born January 25, 1842; John, born August 18, 1845; Albert, of whom further.

(III) Albert Lutton, son of Benjamin and Jane (Perrine) (Lutton) Lutton, was born in Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 7, 1849. His boyhood home was on the North Side, and here he attended the public schools, finishing his studies in the Iron City College. His first position in the business world was as bookkeeper, after which he became one of the proprietors of a toy store on Federal street, Pittsburgh, the firm name being Balsley & Lutton. He held other business connections, and prospered materially, his reputation as a man of responsible position and unquestioned business probity being gained through years of upright and fair dealing with his fellows. He was a Republican in political sympathy, and for eleven years filled the office of city assessor of Pittsburgh, an office of great importance and requiring an incumbent of no small ability. He fraternized with the Knights of Pythias, and with his wife and daughter attended the Presbyterian Church, to which Mrs. Lutton and her daughter now belong. His death occurred February 11, 1904, the sincere regret of his friends and business associates speaking plainly the manner of man he was.

Mr. Lutton married, May 15, 1877, Lillie, born on Ohio street, Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, in 1855, daughter of Adam and Jane (Irvin) Bepler, her father born in Germany in 1823, died in Allegheny City in 1876, her mother a native of Butler county, Pennsylvania, born in 1829, died in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, September 25, 1905. Adam Bepler left the land of his birth when sixteen years of age, and after coming to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, established omnibus service between Pittsburgh and Woods Run, also becoming proprietor of the Bull's Head Hotel, which he conducted for some years. He then went to the west for a short time, upon his return making his home in Pittsburgh and there conducting a hotel, subsequently building the Farmers' Hotel, in the management of which he prospered to a gratifying degree. Children of Adam and Jane (Irvin) Bepler: William, deceased; Anna Mary, deceased; Lillie, of previous mention, married Albert Lutton; Adam; Charles; Robert Francis, deceased; George Albert; Ida Louisa, deceased; Jennie V. Children of Albert and Lillie (Bepler) Lutton: Charles Elmer, born April 3, 1878, died in November, 1881; Alice May, born in Allegheny City, May 19, 1880, educated in the public schools of that city, married, June 1, 1914, Joseph Charles Mitchell.

STRAW

English records reveal for this Straw family an ancestry ancient and claiming among its members those whose deeds have shed honor upon the family name. While comparatively new in the United States, here, as in the homeland, its record is a proud one in that its sons have led lives of active usefulness and have manfully played their part in whatever condition of life they have been placed.

This chronicle opens with the founder of the American line, Richard Straw, born in Derbyshire, England, March 23, 1819. He mastered the tailor's trade in his native land and was there educated, coming to the United States in young manhood and settling in Pittsburgh. In 1840 he became proprietor of a tailoring establishment on Liberty street, later conducting one at Market and Second streets, in Pittsburgh, in 1853 coming to the present borough of Bellevue. In this locality he purchased a small farm, and there lived until his death, August 1, 1900. Aside from the tailoring establishments of which he was at different times owner, his only business interest was in the Singer Sewing Machine Company. He prospered in business, and during his active career acquired a comfortable competence. The Republican party held his political support, and with his wife he was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church.

He married, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 1, 1847, Hannah, born on the Isle of Man, May 26, 1820, died November 29, 1886, daughter of Rev. William and Elizabeth (Bates) Alcock. Rev. William Alcock, son of Samuel and Mary Alcock, was born in Castle Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1798, his parents of English families, having resided in Scotland during the year of his birth, Samuel Alcock having served in the English army. Rev. William Alcock was a minister of the Methodist Protestant Church, and came from Manchester, England, to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in pursuit of his ministerial duties. He married, in May, 1821, his wife a daughter of Samuel Bates, who passed his life in England. Rev. William Alcock died in Carnegie, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in January, 1879, his wife having preceded him to the grave, her death occurring in Bellevue, Pennsylvania, in 1871. Children of Richard and Hannah (Alcock) Straw: Anna, of whom further; Charles F., born July 27, 1849; Frank W., born November 19, 1851; John H., born April 1, 1853; Emma, born February 23, 1855; Richard, born July 9, 1857; Walter H., of whom further; Percy B., born August 7, 1862; William Lincoln, born November 23, 1864.

Anna Straw, daughter of Richard and Hannah (Alcock) Straw, was born May 21, 1848. She was reared in Ross township, being educated in the public schools and in the Pittsburgh Female College. She married, May 21, 1872, Edward George Whitehead, born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 30, 1849, son of Ralph and Sarah (Collins) Whitehead, his father born in Duckingfield, Lancashire, England, in 1807, his mother in Aston-under Lyne, England, in 1819. Ralph and Sarah (Collins) Whitehead came to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, soon after their marriage, and there both died, at their home in the East End. Edward George Whitehead was reared in Pittsburgh, there obtained his education in the public schools, and in young

manhood learned the photographer's art. For a long time he was associated with his brother, William Henry, as proprietors of a photograph studio on Fifth avenue, later being connected with Mr. Morris on Sixth street. About 1874 Mr. Whitehead came to Bellevue, Pennsylvania, where he resides to the present time. With his wife he is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Children of Edward George and Anna (Straw) Whitehead: 1. Anna A., born June 2, 1873; married Willis Clancy, two children, Preston and Willis, Jr., resides on Euclid avenue, Bellevue. 2. Charles Edward, born December 10, 1877; educated in the Pittsburgh High School and a graduate in dentistry from the University of Pittsburgh, now a practicing dentist of Bellevue, Pennsylvania; he married Ida Mary Shaffer, two children, Donald Edward and John Paul. 3. Courtlandt Kenneth, born December 9, 1888; educated in the public schools, including a course in high schools, now a student in civil engineering at the Carnegie Technical Institute.

Walter H. Straw, son of Richard and Hannah (Alcock) Straw, was born in Bellevue, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1860. He obtained a public school education, and in young manhood embarked in grocery dealings, meeting with early success and continuing in this line for several years. In later years he devoted his attention to contracting, and in that line has performed a great deal of work throughout the county, executing numerous large and important commissions, and because of his dependable thoroughness and particular attention to detail has acquired wide reputation. He is the owner of a portion of the homestead, and built for his own use a beautiful house on the Brighton Road, exceptionally attractive in design and made from the best materials obtainable. Mr. Straw has, during his entire business life, held the trusting confidence of his associates, being in every relation to his fellows truthful, reliable and honest. Of him as a citizen it can but be said that his influence is ever cast on the side of the right, and that he supports vigorously any project for the improvement or advancement of Bellevue. He is a staunch Republican, and he and his wife belong to the Methodist Protestant Church.

Mr. Straw married, September 16, 1885, Lena N., born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 31, 1860, daughter of Orlando and Eliza Jane (Richardson) Nardi, her father a native of Lucca, Italy, her mother born in Washington county, Pennsylvania. Orlando Nardi came to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, when a young man, and there married, his wife a daughter of William and Prudence (Farrman) Richardson, pioneers of Washington county, Pennsylvania. Children of Orlando and Eliza Jane (Richardson) Nardi: 1. William, deceased. 2. Pasquale, deceased. 3. Lena N. of previous mention, married Walter H. Straw. Children of Walter H. and Lena N. (Nardi) Straw: 1. Ethel Nardi, born April 30, 1888; a graduate of the Bellevue High School and Maryland College. 2. Richard Frank, born April 24, 1892; a graduate of high school, now a student in the University of Pittsburgh, having for one year attended Purdue University.

HEINZ

Germany is the land whence came Frederick Heinz, his ancestors having there been resident for many generations. He is a son of Frederick and Rosena (Schrader) Heinz, both natives and life-long residents of Germany.

Frederick Heinz Jr. was born in Germany, January 17, 1824, being there reared and educated, in 1869 immigrating to the United States, settling in Sharpsburg, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. In this place he learned the florist's trade, or, as it should be more property designated, art, and was for a short time in business in Darlington, later, with his cousin, H. J. Heinz, becoming superintendent of a farm, a line that he afterward followed principally. He was a resident of Sharpsburg until 1909, in that year moving to Aspinwall, in the same county, where he built a handsome residence and where he has since lived retired. In this place he is the owner of a model green-house, conducted upon latest methods, and producing excellent growths. Mr. Heinz is identified politically with the Republican party, and holds membership in the German Lutheran Church at Sharpsburg. Mr. Heinz is interested in the firm of H. J. Heinz & Company, his first cousin being the head of that widely known pickling concern, and through other business connections holds position as one of the most prosperous of the citizens of Aspinwall.

Mr. Heinz married, at Darlington, Pennsylvania, in November, 1870, Rebecca Secamp, a native of Germany, and has children: 1. Charles, a resident of Aspinwall, Pennsylvania. 2. Anna Margaret, married John H. Bokerman (q. v.), of Aspinwall, Pennsylvania. 3. Betta, married Frank Markwid, of Sharon, Pennsylvania.

TAYLOR

James H. Taylor was a member of an Irish family representative of that courageous and enterprising Celtic stock which has added so valuable a leaven to the cosmopolitan citizenship of this country.

His father was David Taylor, a native of Ireland, where he was born in the year 1803, and came to the United States while still a young man. His attention was called to the western part of Pennsylvania as a prosperous and rapidly developing portion of the country, and he went thither, settling in Allegheny county. His first employment was as a drayman, but he later engaged in the grocery business. His death occurred in Bellevue, where he had made his home, in 1893. Mr. Taylor married Agnes Hutcheson, also a native of Ireland, whose parents had early settled in Londonderry, Ohio, and had there eventually died. Mr. Taylor was a Republican in politics, and both he and Mrs. Taylor were members of the Covenanter Church.

James H. Taylor was born November 18, 1850, in a house on Robinson street, Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He passed his childhood in the city of his birth, receiving his education in the Fourth Ward public schools, and later in Duff's Business College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Upon the completion of his studies, he became engaged in the insurance business, and in the year 1892 he moved to Bellevue, Pennsylvania. Two years later he took a house

Residence of Frederick Heinz,
Aspinwall, Pa.

Fred Heinz

at No. 66 Euclid avenue, and there continued until his death, February 13, 1909. Mr. Taylor was a member of the Republican party, as was his father before him, and took a keen interest in all questions of politics, whether of local or general bearing. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, as are still his wife and children.

Mr. Taylor married, June 14, 1894, Rose H. Gibson, a native of Brighton township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and sprung from distinguished ancestors through more than one line of descent. She is the daughter of John Glenn and Margary Jane (McGeorge) Gibson, the former named born in May, 1829. The first of the name of Gibson to reach the western part of the state was William Gibson. Coming when the entire section was little more than a wilderness, Mr. Gibson brought with him his wife, who had been a Miss Laughhead, and a son, Joseph, the grandfather of Mrs. Taylor. Joseph Gibson passed his entire life in his native township He purchased a farm of some three hundred acres there and operated this until the time of his death. He was twice married, the first time to Jennette Glenn, by whom he had a son, John Glenn Gibson, the only child of this union. His second wife was Ellen McGeorge, and by this marriage also there was but one child, a son, Daniel, now living on the old Gibson farm. John Glenn Gibson, the father of Mrs. Taylor, married Margery Jane McGeorge, a daughter of William and Nancy (Young) McGeorge, and a granddaughter of William and Julia Ann (Haten) McGeorge. The elder William McGeorge was a native of Scotland, his wife coming of an old English family. Together they migrated to the United States, and settled first in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and later in Beaver county, in the pioneer days, Mr. George owning five hundred acres there. He died in the year 1815, when only fifty-three years of age. Nancy (Young) McGeorge, wife of William McGeorge, was a daughter of John and Marjorie (Algeo) Young. John Young was a son of William and Nancy (Hamilton) Young, Nancy Hamilton being a descendant of Patrick Hamilton, one of the Scotch martyrs of the Reformation, born in 1504 and burned at the stake for his beliefs when only twenty-four years old. Patrick Hamilton was a grandson of the first Lord Hamilton and of James II., King of Scotland. Mrs. Taylor was educated in the public schools of her native county, and in the State Normal School in Indiana county, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were born three children, as follows: James, Marjorie and Robert, all of whom are living. Mrs. Taylor is now employed as a teacher in Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

NOAH

Lewis W. Noah is a member of a family representative of the best type of German-American character, which has added to the complex citizenship of the United States the leaven of its own peculiar strength and perseverance.

His father was Jacob Noah, a native of Germany, passing his childhood and youth in that country. He married Johanna Hoffner, also a native of Germany, and with her came to the United States. Upon arriving in this country they proceeded at once to Butler county, Pennsylvania, and there

settled on a farm, passing the remainder of their lives in their new home. Mr. Noah died in the year 1873, at the age of eighty-one years, and his wife ten years later at the age of seventy-six years. In the "Fatherland" Mr. Noah had been a soldier, had served under Napoleon Bonaparte, and took part in that disastrous campaign which culminated in the retreat from Moscow and marked the beginning of that great soldier's fall. Mr. Noah was actually before Moscow and shared in all the perils and hardships of the historic retreat. In the "New World" he pursued the life and occupation of a farmer, although never losing his interest in the politics of his time. A Whig at first, he eventually joined the Democratic party, a member of which he remained until his death. He and his wife were Lutherans in religion and in that belief reared their children. These were four in number, as follows: Julia Anna, who died in the year 1854, when but eighteen years of age; Magdalena, died in 1910, at about seventy years of age; Lewis W., of whom further; Peter, died in April, 1886, aged forty years, married Martha Caldwell; children: Lula, deceased; Anna, John, Lyman W.

Lewis W. Noah was born April 29, 1842, in Butler county, Pennsylvania, on the old family homestead. He was educated in the local public schools, and upon completing his general studies, he learned the trade of carpenter, following the same throughout his life. He removed from his rural surroundings to Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, where there was more work to be done, and here continued to live for twenty-five years. In the year 1890 he removed from Allegheny City to Ben Avon, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Ben Avon was at that time called Killbuck township, and there Mr. Noah built a house at No. 7318 Church avenue. Mr. Noah is a member of the Republican party and takes a keen interest in all political issues, whether of local or general bearing.

Mr. Noah married, in Allegheny City, 1865, Elizabeth Pierce, of Butler county, Pennsylvania, where she was born November 15, 1841. Mrs. Noah was the daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann (Bartley) Pierce, early settlers in Butler county, and both deceased. Mrs. Noah was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and her death occurred May 23, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Noah were the parents of four children, as follows: 1. William James, born in 1866; educated in the public schools of Allegheny; now a machinist living in Ben Avon, Pennsylvania; married May Smare, by whom he has had one child, a daughter, May. 2. Ada May, educated in the public schools of Allegheny and in Curry College, Pennsylvania, and now following the profession of teaching in the schools of the Ninth Ward, Allegheny. 3. Minnie Etta, educated also in the Allegheny public schools and in Curry College, and now living at home with her parents. 4. Harry Addison, a graduate of the Allegheny High School, and now a salesman and resident of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Adam Noah, a half-brother of Lewis W. Noah, a son of his father by a former wife, and who had accompanied the elder Noah on his journey to the United States, settled in West Virginia, and there died about the year 1904.

SNYDER

Dr. William John Kline Snyder is a member of an old Pennsylvania family which for many generations has been identified with the life and traditions of the western part of the state.

(I) Peter Snyder, paternal grandfather of Dr. William J. K. Snyder, was brought to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, when but one year of age, by his parents, who migrated there from some more eastern region. The family settled on a farm, and there the parents eventually died. Meanwhile Peter Snyder grew up on the farm, until he became old enough to learn a trade, when he chose carpentry, which he followed for a considerable time in his native place. At length, however, he decided to try his fortunes still farther west, and accordingly went to Missouri, where in course of time he died. His wife then returned to Westmoreland county and lived with her son, Cyrus J. Snyder, until her death in 1891, at the age of eighty-four years. Peter Snyder married Lydia Rowe, a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where she was born. To them were born eight children, as follows: Hezekiah, a resident of Missouri, now deceased; Mary; Lydia; John; Hettie, deceased; Lavinia, deceased; Cyrus J., of whom further; Uriah, a physician of Delmont, Pennsylvania, who died at the age of forty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Snyder were members of the Reformed Church, and in that belief reared their large family of children. Mr. Snyder was a Democrat in politics.

(II) Cyrus J. Snyder, seventh child of Peter and Lydia (Rowe) Snyder, was born at Boquet, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and there has passed the greater part of his life. He was educated in the local schools. He is a Democrat in politics, and with his wife attends the Denmark Manor Reformed Church. He married Lydia Kline, also a native of Boquet, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where she was born. Mrs. Snyder is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Knappenberger) Kline, both of whom were natives of Westmoreland county. Mr. and Mrs. Kline were the parents of nine children, as follows: William John, M.D., now a physician of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, in active practice; Hezekiah, deceased; Henry, deceased; Nichols; Hannah, deceased; Mary; Lydia, the mother of our subject; Amos; Alpha, a minister of the Reformed Church at Grove City, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus J. Snyder have been born two children, as follows: Charles E., M.D., a practicing physician of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania; William John Kline, M.D., of whom further.

(III) Dr. William John Kline Snyder, second child of Cyrus J. and Lydia (Kline) Snyder, was born December 24, 1864, at Boquet, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He was reared on the old Snyder farm in Manor Valley, Westmoreland county, and educated first at the local public schools. Having completed the elementary portion of his education, he matriculated at the Heidelberg University at Tiffin, Ohio, graduating therefrom with the class of 1892. He then took an additional year's work at the Wooster Medical College of Cleveland, Ohio. His final preparatory work was done at the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, from which he grad-

uated in 1895, and from there removed directly to Avalon, Pennsylvania, where he established himself in what has proven a most successful medical practice. Dr. Snyder is associated with the medical associations of his district, being a member of the Allegheny County, the Pennsylvania State, and the Ohio Valley Medical societies and the American Medical Association. Besides his professional connections, Dr. Snyder has other important interests, having to do with the development of the financial and business life of Avalon. He was one of the organizers of the Avalon Bank, and has held the presidency from its founding to the present time. Despite the great amount of time and energy which Dr. Snyder is obliged to give to these important interests he nevertheless finds it possible to take a prominent part in the social and fraternal life of the community, and holds membership in several orders and fraternal organizations. He is a member of Bellevue Lodge, No. 530, Free and Accepted Masons; of Bellevue Chapter, No. 287, Royal Arch Masons; Tankred Commandery, No. 48, Knights Templar; the Pittsburgh Commandery, Thirty-second Degree, and the Assyria Temple. He is also a member of the Colonel Bayn Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics Dr. Snyder is a member of the Democratic party, and takes a keen and intelligent interest in all questions whether of local or general application. Dr. Snyder is a member of the Reformed Church, attending the church at Avalon, and Mrs. Snyder is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Snyder married, January 23, 1897, Mabel Claire Lutz, a native of Tiffin, Ohio, where she was born, in 1869. Mrs. Snyder is the daughter of John and Elizabeth Lutz. There have been no children of this union.

TEUTEBERG

William Teuteberg comes of a family representative of the best German-American character, which has brought to the cosmopolitan citizenship of the United States a leaven of its own peculiar virtues, unswerving perseverance and industry.

(I) His parents were George and Charlotte (Baker) Teuteberg, both natives of Germany, who were married in the "Fatherland" and later emigrated from there to the United States, bringing their family with them. George Teuteberg was a farmer and gardener, and upon their arrival in this country settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Here his wife died in 1859, whereupon he removed to Emsworth, Pennsylvania, his own death occurring in the latter place in the year 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Teuteberg were the parents of twelve children in all, though but two of them, William, of whom further, and Lewis Teuteberg, of Chicago, still survive.

(II) William Teuteberg, son of George and Charlotte (Baker) Teuteberg, was born July 2, 1825, at Hanover, Germany, and there passed his childhood up to the age of fourteen years. In 1839, however, his parents migrated to the United States and brought William with them, and from that time on he lived in Pittsburgh and there received his education. He also found employment, driving the tow horses on the canal, being intrusted with the mail barges under Bingham. He later took up his father's old

occupation of farming, and in 1851 came to Ohio township, Allegheny county, the present site of the town of Emsworth. Here Mr. Teuteberg bought considerable property, including that where Emsworth now stands. Mr. Teuteberg is a member of the Republican party and has always taken a keen interest in the political questions of the day. He is a member of the Ben Avon, Pennsylvania, Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Teuteberg married, February 16, 1854, Dorothea Beckert, a native of Germany, where she was born July 16, 1831, her death occurring August 20, 1868, at Emsworth. Mr. and Mrs. Teuteberg were the parents of five children, as follows: Magdalena, born January 4, 1855; Catherine, born June 26, 1859; Matilda, born January 19, 1863; Frederick, of whom further; William Jr., born March 26, 1868.

(III) Frederick Teuteberg, fourth child of William and Dorothea (Beckert) Teuteberg, was born June 1, 1866, in Emsworth, Pennsylvania. He has spent his life in his native place and at the present time (1914) resides on the old Teuteberg homestead with his father. He was educated in the local public schools, and upon completing his studies retired to the management of the home farm under his father. In the year 1904 he engaged in a mercantile business, and in this has had a high degree of success, his establishment being located at No. 174 Beaver Road, Emsworth. He is a member of the Republican party, and with his wife a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Frederick Teuteberg married (first) June 4, 1896, Emma Diehl, a daughter of Charles and Christena Diehl, of Pittsburgh, in which city she was born, December 23, 1866. By his first wife Mr. Teuteberg had three children, as follows: William Diehl, born May 17, 1898; Frederick Charles, born August 6, 1900; Luella Christine, born February 20, 1903. Mrs. Teuteberg died February 2, 1910. Mr. Teuteberg married (second) October 19, 1912, Amelia E. Beilstein, also of Emsworth, born in Allegheny, North Side, Pittsburgh. Mrs. Teuteberg is the daughter of Charles and Henrietta (Shreiner) Beilstein. Of this union there is one child, a son, Karl John, born September 30, 1913.

HUNT

John Henry Hunt is a fine type of the strong and dominant race whose colonization of this country in the early days laid the foundation upon which, as upon rock, the subsequent development of our civilization has rested.

His parents were John and Jane (Steer) Hunt, both natives of England, who came to the United States in 1873, bringing with them a family of children, and settling in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where they made their first home. Mr. Hunt found work as a laborer to support himself and family. In 1884 he came to Emsworth, Pennsylvania, and still later removed to Akron, Ohio, where he is now living at the age of seventy-eight years. Mrs. Hunt died, however, during their residence in Emsworth, in 1908, at the age of fifty-two years. To them were born eleven children, as follows: John Henry, of whom further; Eliza, Ada, Albert, Caroline,

Mary, Flora, Ida, Alice, William, Anna. Mr. Hunt was a member of the Republican party and keenly interested in all political questions whether of local or general bearing. He and his wife were members of the Episcopal Church and reared their children in that persuasion.

John Henry Hunt was born April 25, 1866, in Sheffield, England, and passed the early years of his childhood there. When he was a lad of but seven, his parents brought him with them on their removal to the United States, and he received his education in the public schools of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he lived until reaching the age of eighteen years. At the time of his parents' removal to Emsworth, the young man accompanied them, but did not share their later move to Akron, Ohio. He had in the meantime established himself firmly in a general contracting business in Emsworth, and in that town has continued to live to the present time, doing a highly successful business. He has prospered greatly and now owns a large amount of property, and is a man of substance and importance in the community. Mr. Hunt is active in politics in his town, and is a member of the Republican party. Both he and Mrs. Hunt are members of the Episcopal Church, as are also the members of his numerous family. Mr. Hunt is one of that sturdy company of men, of which this country presents so many examples, who, beginning with little, have made their way in the world by dint of their own efforts and ability, and reached a prominent position in the life of their communities. In 1912 he built a handsome house for himself and his family in Emsworth, and there resides at the present time.

Mr. Hunt married, July 2, 1889, Barbara Stingert, a native of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where she was born in 1870. Mrs. Hunt is the daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Smith) Stingert, of Allegheny. To Mr. and Mrs. Hunt have been born nine children, as follows: Ella, Walter, Edith, Emma, Harry, Ralph, Ida, Raymond, deceased, and Sarah.

JONES

Thomas O. Jones is descended on his father's side of the house from a family representative of the best type of the Welsh people, which has contributed a leaven of its own peculiar virtues to the composite citizenship of the United States, the virtues of sturdy endurance and a strong moral and religious sense.

(I) His paternal grandfather, who also bore the name of Thomas O. Jones, was born in Wales, but migrated in company with his parents to the United States when only eight years old. He was a very active and enterprising man and had much to do with the early development of the mining industry in the Pittsburgh region. He was the first, indeed, to open a coal business on the "South Side" of Pittsburgh, this epoch marking event occurring about the year 1850. After a successful career he retired in his old age to Evansburg, Pennsylvania, where he finally died. He married Margaret Davis, and among their children was John T., of whom further.

(II) John T. Jones, son of Thomas O. Jones, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and there educated in the local public schools. Upon leaving school he at once entered his father's business of coal mining, first in con-

nection with the Ormsby Works, and later with the Lyle Coal Company at Camden, Pennsylvania. He remained in the latter place until the year 1877, when he opened a mine at Webster, Pennsylvania, operating the same until the great flood of 1888, which devastated the surrounding region. After this catastrophe he went to Courtney, Pennsylvania, and secured employment with the J. S. Neil Coal Company as superintendent of their mines at that point. From this time on he made a number of connections with different companies, always in the same line of business, going from place to place as his interests led him. He was associated with the Little Redstone Coal Company, organized in 1899 or 1900, both as a stockholder and as general superintendent of their mines, which were located near Fayette City. From there he went to Pittsburgh, to fill the position of superindent of The River Coal Company, and in 1904 went to Coal Center, Pennsylvania, and was associated with the Jones and Laughlin Mines at that point, and finally was with the United Coal Company, in whose service he was killed. He married Anna Livingston, a daughter of Joseph Livingston, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where he was a successful farmer. The wife of Joseph Livingston was a Miss McGown, a daughter of the first settlers of McKeesport, her mother having been a Miss McKee. To J. T. and Anna (Livingston) Jones, were born five children, one of whom was Thomas O., of whom further.

(III) Thomas O. (2) Jones, son of John T. and Anna (Livingston) Jones, was born March 9, 1871, at Camden, Pennsylvania. He received the elementary portion of his education at the public schools of Pittsburgh, and graduated from the Pittsburgh Central High School. He then attended Duff's Business College, the well known commercial school in that city, where he took a business course. Upon completing these studies he secured at once a position at clerk in the office of W. K. Gallespie, a large wholesale grocer of Pittsburgh, with whom, however, he remained but a short time, leaving to accept an offer of a position with the D. and F. S. Welty Company, a firm dealing in the wholesale carpet and wall paper trade. After some time at this work Mr. Jones decided to engage in business for himself, and with his naturally enterprising nature he went to work at once to put his determination into practical effect. Taking a partner, he opened a general merchandise establishment in Fayette City, Pennsylvania, his firm being known as the Jones Supply Company. It later became necessary to terminate this business, and Mr. Jones thereupon went to Tarentum, Pennsylvania, which has ever since been his home. In Tarentum he secured a position with the Tarentum Hardware Company, and in November, 1898, became manager of the concern. The business of the company growing largely under the able direction of affairs by Mr. Jones, it was decided to incorporate, and in 1910 this step was carried out, Mr. Jones becoming secretary and treasurer. His success in the affairs of the Tarentum Hardware Company was such as to attract universal attention in the business life of the town, and his obvious abilities were soon called into requisition in a number of quarters. As a result his associations are now numerous

in that region of Pennsylvania. He is the president of the Leechburg Hardware Company of Leechburg, Pennsylvania, president of the Freeport Clay Products Company of Freeport, Pennsylvania, vice-president of the American Hardware and Supply Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, vice-president of the Tarentum Land and Improvement Company of Tarentum, secretary and treasurer of the Clinton Mineral Springs Company of Saxonburg, Pennsylvania, and a director in the Tarentum Savings and Trust Company of Tarentum and of the Fayette Bargain Company of Fayette City. He is, in short, one of the most prominent figures in the business, financial and industrial world in that part of the state. He does not confine his activities to the business world exclusively, however, but takes a conspicuous part in the general life of the town, and is a popular figure with all those who come in contact with him. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and is interested in the social life of the town.

Mr. Jones married, January 31, 1903, Bessie I. Anderson, a daughter of Thomas J. and Elizabeth M. Anderson, of Tarentum, Pennsylvania, where she was born July 23, 1882. To Mr. and Mrs. Jones have been born four children, two sons and two daughters, as follows: Thomas A., Mary Louise, Mabel Livingston, Richard Warren. Mr. Jones and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church and in that persuasion are rearing their children.

GEPHARDT

In every community, however small, there are to be found a number of foreign-born citizens, who rank among the best and most highly honored residents, and in the case of the late John Gephardt he was no exception to the rule. He was born in Bavaria, Germany, March 23, 1843, died August 9, 1896, killed by lightning, son of John George and Anna Magdalena (Strobel) Gephardt.

John George Gephardt was born in Germany, in which country his parents were born and settled. He emigrated to the United States, and in 1852 located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, removing from there to a farm in Butler county, Pennsylvania, and subsequently changed his place of residence to another farm in the same county. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and a Republican in politics. He was killed by a train, March 3, 1885. His wife, Anna Magdalena Gephardt, survived him many years, passing away September 14, 1905. Their children were: John, of whom further; Katharine, deceased; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of John Henry, of Colorado.

John Gephardt attended the schools of Pittsburgh and Butler county, Pennsylvania, after which he served an apprenticeship at the trade of shoemaker. He was the proprietor of a shoe store in Leechburg, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, for thirteen years, and upon his retirement from active business pursuits returned to the homestead farm in Butler county, Pennsylvania, in 1886, of which he was the owner, and which he cultivated and improved. He was successful in business, being progressive in his ideas,

John and Hannah S. Gephardt

trustworthy in his transactions, and by carefully attending to the wants and wishes of his customers gained their good will and steady patronage. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, in which his widow also holds membership, and he gave his allegiance to the candidates of the Republican party.

Mr. Gephardt married, November 30, 1873, Hannah Sophia Goering, born in Germany, July 11, 1850, daughter of Henry and Hannah (Wolfrom) Goering, both natives of Germany, from whence they emigrated to this country, settling on a farm in Butler county, Pennsylvania, in 1854. He was a wheelwright by trade, which occupation he followed for many years. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Henrietta; Christian, deceased; Hannah, deceased; Christian; Fredericka; Hannah Sophia, mentioned above; Theresa, deceased. Mr. Goering died August 23, 1887, he having survived his wife many years, her death occurring July 23, 1878. Mr. and Mrs. Gephardt were the parents of eight children: 1. Anna, born October 11, 1874, died July 20, 1881. 2. Charles Albert, born November 12, 1876; a resident of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania; married Elizabeth Fhreeling; children: Clarence G., William E., Charles. 3. Ellery Alexander, born November 18, 1877; a resident of Brackenridge, Pennsylvania; married Margaret Lunderstead; child, Donald E. 4. Hannah Theresa, born August 24, 1879; married in Tarentum, Pennsylvania, May 21, 1907, Edward William Whiteside, born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, reared in Tennessee, killed in the Sheet Mill, November 11, 1907; one child, Edna Theresa, born April 8, 1908. 5. Ralph W., born June 5, 1881, died March 17, 1885. 6. Ellen A., born October 23, 1883; married Cyrus Daniel Whitemire; children: Ralph A., Irene A. and Eugene C., twins, Clyde A., Edward J. 7. Emma Matilda, born January 18, 1887; resides at home. 8. Laura M., born February 28, 1894, resides at home. On August 18, 1904, Mrs. Gephardt took up her residence in Tarentum, purchasing a house on East Sixth avenue, where the family have since resided. They are well and favorably known in the community, and have a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

KING

George B. King comes on his father's side of a family representative of the best type of Irish character, which has brought to the composition of the complex citizenship of the United States a leaven of its own peculiar virtues, a strong practical sense, enterprise and indomitable courage. His mother's ancestry was originally of Scotch origin, but has lived for so many years in Pennsylvania as to have become thoroughly identified with the life and associations of that state.

His paternal grandfather was John King, who was born and passed his entire life in Ireland, and there, also, was born his son, John King, the second, the father George B. King. This young man, however, influenced by the accounts of the freedom and opportunity to be found in the great republic of the Western Hemisphere, decided not to remain in his native land, and accordingly set sail for the United States, while still a mere lad.

Upon his arrival in this country, he made his way directly to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, later to Harpers Ferry, then to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, then back to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he spent the latter part of his life and died. He first found employment as a moulder in an iron foundry, being later promoted to the position of manager of the concern, a post which he continued to hold until his death. He was extremely capable in his work and made himself a man of substance and prominence in his adopted community. He married Martha Burket, a native of Storriestown, Pennsylvania, where she was born, a daughter of Jacob and Martha (Thompson) Burket, old residents and natives of the region about Storriestown, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Burket was a farmer and also plied the carpenter's trade. Mr. and Mrs. King Sr. were the parents of nine children, of whom George B. was the sixth.

George B. King was born March 31, 1863, in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He obtained some schooling in the Monongahela City, Pennsylvania, public schools, but is, in a large measure, self-educated, being naturally a student, and having taken up the study of chemistry since his marriage. In very early youth he became greatly interested in decoration, from the age of eleven years giving his time to work in that line, particularly to fresco painting, which he devoted himself to from that age up to the time of his fortieth year, in 1902. During this period he resided, from 1883 on, in the "North Side," Pittsburgh, contracting for the painting of frescos in that neighborhood, and for decorative work generally. He was engaged in this business for eighteen years, but in 1902 he removed to Millvale, Pennsylvania, where he opened a mercantile department store, and gave up his former work. In the later venture he has been highly successful, and is now a prominent figure in the community, which continues to this day his home.

Mr. King's activities are not confined to his personal and business interests. On the contrary, he takes a conspicuous part in the life of the town generally, particularly in the social and fraternal circles, and is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees; Lodge No. 45, Free and Accepted Masons; Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 162, Royal Arch Masons; Tancred Commandery, No. 48, Knights Templar; Pennsylvania Consistory, Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret, all located in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. While Mr. King has always been a member of the Republican party and a staunch advocate of that party's principles, and while he has always taken a keen and vital interest in all political questions, whether of local or general significance, he nevertheless has never aspired to political distinction and has consistently refused all offers of public office made to him.

Mr. King married, November 27, 1883, Catherine Kress, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she was born in the "North Side." Mrs. King was the daughter of Valentine, born in Ricker, Germany, and Theresa (Hohman) Kress, born in Flieden, Germany, but married in the United States. To Mr. and Mrs. King have been born six children, as follows:

Richard A., a graduate from the medical department of the University of Pittsburgh, and now a practicing physician in the "North Side," Pittsburgh, Claude L., a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College, and now a civil engineer whose work just at present takes him to Cincinnati, Ohio, though his home is in Pittsburgh; Arthur J. C., now a butcher in Pittsburgh; Raphael P., now a brick layer in Pittsburgh, formerly in the drug business; Garnetta R., died at the age of nine and a half years; Camillus C., now living with his parents at home. Mr. King is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and Mrs. King a member of the Catholic Church, and in that persuasion their family of children have been reared.

MORRIS

Despite the fact that the immigrant ancestor of this line of Morrises came to the United States nearly a century ago, to the present day the history of the line is closely intricated with the homeland, England, because of the fact that after an American residence of more than a quarter of a century Robert Morris returned to England, in which country the majority of his children were born. Ancient English records make frequent mention of the name Morris, and members thereof were once known as lords of a manor in Surrey county, England. Walter Morris, a younger son of his generation, married a lady of noble birth, and one of his children was Robert, of whom further. Another was George, who was first a lieutenant in the English navy and was later raised to the rank of captain. The coat-of-arms formerly employed by the family was, in non-heraldric terms, a black crow against a background of gray.

(II) Robert Morris, son of Walter Morris, was for many years a writing master in London, his school and office being at No. 4 Breams Building, Chancery Lane, London. He and his wife were members of the Church of England. About 1852 he set out upon a voyage to the United States to join his son, Robert, who had preceded him to that land, but died en route, being given a sea burial.

(III) Robert (2) Morris, son of Robert (1) Morris, was born in Guilford, Surrey county, England, October 31, 1805, died June 21, 1866. Having been reared and educated in his native land, in the year that he attained his majority he immigrated to the United States, at once establishing in the grocery business. At this time he took out his first papers toward becoming a subject of the United States, and on January 17, 1835, received his naturalization papers. His store was on Federal street, Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, the site now occupied by Boggs & Buhl, and from its inception his business was a success almost beyond precedent, so that within the short space of a few years he was at the head of the largest wholesale grocery house in the city of Pittsburgh. His dealings were first under his own name, the house later trading as Morris & Haworth. While he was in business in this place his home was on North avenue, Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, and prior to 1858 he withdrew from all connections he had formed in his new home and returned to his native land, making his

home in Norwich, Norfolk county, England, where he and his wife lived until their deaths. For a time after returning to England he owned a retail grocery store in Dover, England, but soon disposed of this and retired completely from the business world, his career having been but a succession of successes. He married Maria Thrower, born at Saxlingham, Norfolk county, England, September 17, 1810, died at Norwich, Norfolk county, England, January 10, 1881, her father dying in young manhood, her mother coming to the United States to make her home with her daughter, Maria. Children of Robert and Maria (Thrower) Morris: 1. Frances, married William Symonds, a retired commercial traveler, and lives in Yorkshire, England. 2. Maria, born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, married Robert George Bagshaw, and resides in Norwich, England, where he was at one time sheriff. 3. Robert Riches, born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, died at Crafton, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1889; traveling auditor in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad; married Anna Saylor. 4. Walter, of whom further. 5. Georgianna, married Sidney W. Cook, a retired lace manufacturer; resides in Hastings, England; he is a son of an ex-mayor of Southampton, England.

(IV) Walter (2) Morris, son of Robert (2) and Maria (Thrower) Morris, was born in London, England, May 6, 1846, while his parents, at that time American citizens, were visiting the homeland. His early education was obtained under the direction of a private tutor in Norfolk, England, and he remained in England until 1862, when he came to the United States. On November 7, of that year, he enlisted in Walling's Battery of Light Artillery, and fought in all of the battles in which that battery was engaged from that time until the declaration of peace, the battery being assigned to duty in the southwest. He was mustered out of the military service of the United States, November 17, 1865, to enter its civil service, being a clerk in the war department for several months after leaving the army. In 1866 he came to Pittsburgh and became identified with the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, later severing his connection and embarking in the retail grocery business in Allegheny, Pennsylvania.

Being desirous of entering the insurance field, he in 1874 disposed of his grocery store and accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Allemannia Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Two years later he resigned to accept the office of secretary of the Citizens Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a position he held until 1887, in which year he resigned to enter business independently, his loss a severe one to the heads of the Citizens Insurance Company, from whom he bore with him the best of good wishes for his future success. Forming a partnership with C. L. Straub, they conducted general fire insurance transactions under the firm name of Straub & Morris, representing several well-known and highly reputable companies. In 1893 the partnership was dissolved and for seven years Mr. Morris engaged in the same line alone, in 1900 accepting the secretaryship of the Armenia Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This company in May, 1901, re-insured all their business with the

Westchester Fire Insurance Company of New York, with whom Mr. Morris continued as manager, an office that he most capably filled until his death, May 10, 1911. Almost his entire life having been passed in connection with the fire insurance business, there were few men of whom it could be said that their knowledge of and experience in the business was greater than his. He was of strong and vigorous mentality, possessed the faculty of retaining innumerable facts and figures, fresh in his well-stored mind, and the very main-spring of the activities of any enterprise with which he was connected. He was temperate and reasonable in planning, decisive and forceful in execution, and in event of miscarriage of his plans never sought to evade the responsibility for his error, while in the success of a carefully conceived campaign his gratification was entirely inward, his modest bearing giving to those unfamiliar with the facts of the case no intimation of the achieved victory. In 1887 Mr. Morris moved to Ingram, Pennsylvania, purchasing a house at No. 94 Prospect avenue, there living until his death, the present home of his widow being in that place. He was a staunch Republican politically, was a member of Allegheny Lodge, No. 223, Free and Accepted Masons, was past commander of General Hayes Post, No. 3, Grand Army of the Republic, and with his wife held membership in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Nativity, of Crafton, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Morris married, May 9, 1867, Mary E. Cowling, born on Federal street, Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side), Pennsylvania, daughter of James and Emily (Leach) Cowling. James Cowling was a son of John and Mary (Harrison) Cowling, who were born, lived and died in London, England, both John Cowling and his father having been tailors to the Blue-coat School in London. Emily was a daughter of John and Elizabeth Leach, her father a farmer at Hempnall, England, having inherited a large tract of land from Robert Sporl, for whom he was at one time farm manager. A brother of John Leach, William Leach, was the owner of a hotel named the "Rampant Horse" in Norwich, England. He was a man of wealth, prominent in local affairs, and kept a fine pack of hounds, to which he and his friends frequently rode. James Cowling was born in London, England, January 30, 1810, died in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1872. He was reared in his native land and there learned the tailor's trade, and in 1832 was married, the ceremony being performed in the Hempnall Church of England, residing in London for two years thereafter. In 1834 he immigrated to the United States making his home and engaging in business as a merchant tailor in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, living first on Federal street, and later on North avenue. He moved to Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, in 1859, and there was an ice dealer until his death. He enlisted in the Seventy-seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, his officers being Captain Irish and Colonel Negley, and was discharged honorably for disability after having been in the service for ten months, during which time he was in action at Murfreesboro and Pittsburgh Landing (Shiloh). He married Emily Leach, born in Hempnall, Norfolk county, England, February 15, 1810, died in November, 1869. Children of James

and Emily (Leach) Cowling: 1. Emily, married Isaac Warren, and lives in New Brighton, Pennsylvania. 2. Mary E., of previous mention, married Walter Morris. 3. Eleanor, married Thomas Matanle, deceased, and lives in Elmira, New York. 4. Maria, married Samuel J. Bennett, deceased, and lives with a daughter, Mrs. George Carruthers, of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. Children of Walter and Mary E. (Cowling) Morris: 1. Robert James, born April 3, 1869, died August 17, 1898, unmarried; was for a time engaged in business with his father. 2. Jessie Emily, born December 30, 1870, lives at home, unmarried. 3. Walter C., born November 24, 1873; conducts his father's business in partnership with his brother, Charles Weaver, as Walter Morris' Sons, their office in the Commonwealth Building, Pittsburgh; married Bertha Hannan, of Pittsburgh; his home is at No. 29 Lincoln avenue, Crafton, Pennsylvania. 4. Mary Elizabeth, born June 2, 1878, married C. C. Gray, vice-president and treasurer of the Detroit Insulated Wire Company; resides in Detroit, Michigan. 5. Charles Weaver, born April 20, 1885, one of the firm of Walter Morris' Sons, lives at home, unmarried.

DUNBAR

The Dunbar family of Scotland, with which this line in Pennsylvania is connected through the branch of the name that found residence in Ireland, is one of notable history, holding a prominent position among the Scottish families of noble achievement.

(I) He of the line with whom this chronicle opens is James Dunbar, who when eighteen years of age left his home in Belfast, Ireland, and arrived in America at about the close of the war for independence. He settled in Washington county, Pennsylvania, there owning many acres of land, a part of which he cleared, and there passed the remainder of his life. He married Mary McConnell, and had children: 1. James, died in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 2. Robert, died in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 3. John, died near Steubenville, Ohio. 4. Thomas, died in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 5. Samuel, of whom further. 6. William, died in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 7. Mary, married Joseph Wallace, and died in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 8. Jane, married a Mr. Black, and died in Ohio. 9. Martha, married James Brimmer, and died in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 10. Joseph, died in Iowa.

(II) Samuel Dunbar, son of James and Mary (McConnell) Dunbar, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, October 27, 1817, died in Smith township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1855. He was reared to manhood on the home farm, and after his marriage purchased land in Smith township where he farmed and conducted stock raising operations until his death, resulting from an attack of fever. He was politically a Democrat, and with his wife held membership in the Presbyterian Church. He married Rebecca Van Eman, born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1820, who now lives on the home farm near Burgettstown, Pennsylvania, aged nearly ninety-five years, never having married a second time.

She is a daughter of Garrett and Rachel (Logan) Van Eman, both of her parents natives of Washington county, Pennsylvania, after their marriage settling on Pigeon creek in that county, and later moving to Burgettstown where they died. In both places he owned and farmed land. Both were members of the Raccoon Presbyterian Church, in the organization of which he was an elder. Children of Garrett and Rachel (Logan) Van Eman: 1. James Adams, died unmarried in California, aged nearly ninety years, having journeyed to that state in 1852 among the gold seekers. 2. Rebecca, of previous mention, married Samuel Dunbar. 3. Amelia, married Scott Riddle, and died in Ohio. 4. Margaret, unmarried, died September 10, 1914, aged nearly eighty-nine years, near Burgettstown, Pennsylvania. 5. Rachel, married Daniel Duncan, and died in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 6. Isabel P., married William Dunbar, and resides in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 7. Mary Jane, married Lilburn Shipley, and died in Burgettstown, Pennsylvania. 8. Hannah V., married James Stevenson, and lives near Burgettstown. 9. Hugh Lee, a justice of the peace of Michigan Bluff, California. 10. Garrett Scott, at one time a United States commissioner of Oklahoma, now lives retired in Jennings in that state, the owner of a great deal of land, having during his active life been a hardware merchant. Children of Samuel and Rebecca (Van Eman) Dunbar: 1. William V., married Rea J. Wilson, and lives on the home farm. 2. James Garrett, of whom further. 3. Mary B., unmarried, and lives with her mother.

(III) James Garrett Dunbar, son of Samuel and Rebecca (Van Eman) Dunbar, was born near Burgettstown, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1852. After attending the public schools he completed his studies in the Frankfort Springs Academy. For several years he taught school in that locality, and was then employed on the home farm. In 1890 he became proprietor of a furniture store in East Liverpool, Ohio, but soon afterward moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and there established as a real estate dealer. That has since been his field of effort, and he has conducted successful operations in that city, his home having been in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, since 1901. His reputation in the business world is the most worthy, all of his dealings having been conducted in a fair and honorable manner that could leave no room for dissatisfaction or reproach. The Masonic Order is the fraternal society to which Mr. Dunbar belongs, his membership being in Burgettstown Lodge, No. 454, Free and Accepted Masons, while with his wife he is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church. He is allied with no political party, his judgment as to candidates being his only guide at the polls.

Mr. Dunbar married, in 1901, Annie B. Galbraith, born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Matthew and Phoebe (Keys) Galbraith. They are the parents of one daughter, Annetta Rebecca, born October 27, 1902, exactly eighty-five years after the birth of her grandfather, Samuel Dunbar.

LEARD

The year 1771 was the date of the arrival in Young township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, of Zachariah Leard, who came thither from Ireland, his birth-place, his home in the northern part of that island. He was the founder of a family, the line herein recorded continuing through his son John.

(II) John Leard, son of Zachariah Leard, was a native of Young township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, and married Mary Elder, one of his sons being Zachariah, of whom further.

(III) Zachariah (2) Leard, son of John and Mary (Elder) Leard, was born in Young township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1823, died on his seventy-seventh birthday. He was educated in the common schools of the day, in young manhood mastering the surveyor's profession through his own efforts and continuing in its practice during his active years. In addition to his work in this line he owned and cultivated a farm, always devoting a part of his time to agricultural pursuits. He held numerous positions in the public service, among them the office of school director, and was frequently impressed by his neighbors in the preparation of contracts, papers of sale, and other legal documents, although he persistently refused the office of justice of the peace. A thorough knowledge of legal procedure and a strict and unbending sense of honor were the factors that determined his appointment as executor in the settlement of numerous estates, all of which he closed in a prompt and business-like manner, to the satisfaction of all concerned. He married Jane Kelly, born in White township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Meek Kelly, a native of White township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, his wife, a Miss Moorehead, born in the same locality. Meek Kelly, son of James Kelly, was a surveyor by profession, and about 1836 was a member of the Pennsylvania senate, a Democrat in political faith. Children of Zachariah and Jane (Kelly) Leard: Sarah A., Meek Kelly, of whom further; Mary J.

(IV) Meek Kelly Leard, son of Zachariah (2) and Jane (Kelly) Leard, was born in Young township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1856. He was educated in the public schools, and as a youth began farming, operating a tract of two hundred and twenty-six acres until 1910, his agricultural activities general in nature. In that year Mr. Leard moved to Tarentum, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and became a member of the firm of Moser & Hough, the name of which was changed one year later to the Hough, Leard Lumber Company, Mr. Leard becoming secretary and treasurer. This is the capacity in which he is now connected with this prosperous and thriving concern, his administration of the duties of his offices exact and able. While a resident of Blacklick township, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, Mr. Leard took an active interest in public affairs, and for nine years was a member of the township school board. Always a loyal Republican, he was for two terms a member of the state legislature, sitting in that body from 1899 to 1903. He is a citizen of public-spirited and progressive principles, and as well as becoming prominent in the business field of Tarentum has become a welcome addition to all branches of

community life. With his wife he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Leard married, in 1910, Mary E. Pownell, born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

MAURHOFF

Emil Maurhoff was born in Hanover, Germany, and after an excellent preparatory education was sent to a university in his native land, and was graduated from this with the degree of Civil Engineer. He followed the calling of surveying in America, and laid out Saxonburg, Butler county, Pennsylvania, in 1821, residing there for the remainder of his life. He married Johanna Pollert, also born in Germany, daughter of —— Pollert, who was a silversmith in Germany, and came to the United States about 1820. At first he made his home in North Carolina, from whence he went to Germantown, Philadelphia, and finally settled permanently in Saxonburg, where his death occurred.

(II) Emil E. Maurhoff, son of Emil and Johanna (Pollert) Maurhoff, was born in Saxonburg, Pennsylvania, and received an excellent education in Witherspoon Institute, and later became a civil engineer. He commenced practicing his profession in that part of the state, and shortly after his marriage removed to Pittsburgh, where he remained until 1877, then to Saxonburg, and in 1894 to Brackenridge, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he is still living, and is still engaged in the same line of business. He served as school director in Saxonburg, and as borough engineer in Brackenridge. He was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is now a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Mr. Maurhoff married Matilda Koegler, also born near Saxonburg, daughter of John Koegler, who during the gold fever of 1849 went to California, but met with shipwreck on his return in 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Maurhoff have had children: Charles Herbert, of further mention; Franklin Walter, a bookkeeper; Annie E., a graduate nurse; Presley Albert Luther, was graduated from the Pennsylvania State College, and is now a civil engineer in Philadelphia.

(III) Charles Herbert Maurhoff, son of Emil E. and Matilda (Koegler) Maurhoff, was born on Locust street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1871. He received a classical education in Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania, and came to Brackenridge in 1890. He is secretary of the Brackenridge Estate, which originally covered the land now occupied by Tarentum, Brackenridge, and Natrona, and still holds that position. He and his family are members of the Lutheran Church, and he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Maurhoff married, in 1898, Lavena Eulalie Lelless, and they have children: Elinor Lucile and Howard Lelless.

EDGAR

The American ancestor of this branch of the Edgar family is Jacob Edgar, a native of Switzerland, who made settlement in the Cumberland Valley, Pennsylvania, latter moving to Al-

legheny county, Pennsylvania. He made his home in the latter locality about 1829, and for many years held the position of toll collector on the Butler Pike. Jacob Edgar married and had children: William; Isaac, of whom further; Barbara; Belle, a resident of Kansas; Ann; Caroline; Rebecca.

(II) Isaac Edgar, son of Jacob Edgar, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and as a youth attended school in that locality. He retired from all business and public connections in 1899, failing sight making such a move necessary, and has since resided in Glenshaw, Pennsylvania. He spent three and one-half years in the Union army during the war between the states, a soldier in Company E. Sixty-third Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, one year after his enlistment being made wagonmaster of the regiment, a position he held until he received his honorable discharge from the service. Mr. Edgar married Mary Louise Zimmerman, born in Ohio, daughter of John and Louise Zimmerman, her parents natives of Germany. Children of Isaac and Mary Louise (Zimmerman) Edgar: Isaac W., of whom further; John, Charles, George, Catherine, Mary, Clara.

(III) Isaac W. Edgar, son of Isaac and Mary Louise (Zimmerman) Edgar, was born in Glenshaw, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1879. After finishing a course in the public schools of that place he was for nine years employed by the Pittsburgh wholesale dry goods house of Arbuthnot Stephenson Company, in 1904 purchasing the general store from the McMillan estate. Since that time he has conducted general mercantile dealings in Glenshaw, his business a profitable one of considerable size. Since that date he has been likewise postmaster of Glenshaw. He is a communicant of the Presbyterian Church, and affiliates with the Masonic Order. Mr. Edgar married, in September, 1906, Anna M., daughter of Henry Ziegenheim, of Glenshaw, Pennsylvania, and has two daughters, Catherine and Helen.

PORTER

The lists of the earliest pioneers of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, contain the names of the parents of John Porter, grandfather of Robert Baird Porter, who came to that locality from the family home in the north of Ireland, settling on Dunlap's creek. John Porter was a native of Fayette county, and there married Rebecca Mason, becoming the father of a family, among his sons Moses B., of whom further, and Charles, the latter speaker of the Pennsylvania legislature about 1835, afterward associate judge of Fayette county, serving for many years with distinction and honor until old age compelled his retirement from this position.

(II) Moses B. Porter, son of John and Rebecca (Mason) Porter, was born in 1797, and at his death had attained a good old age. Throughout his entire life he was a farmer, prospering in his calling, and was a man of influence and importance in his community. Under the old constitution of the state of Pennsylvania he was appointed to the office of

justice of the peace, at a time when that office was one of dignity and responsibility, and served thus for many years, continuing for a few years after the office had been made an elective one. He married Mary, daughter of Thomas Wilson, of Scotch-Irish descent, her father for many years ruling elder in the Presbyterian Church at his home in Fayette county. Among the children of Moses B. and Mary (Wilson) Porter were: 1. Thomas W., a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, in which institution he was a classmate and roommate of James G. Blaine, sharing first honors with that talented statesman and remaining his close friend until death; Thomas W. Porter became an attorney, studying law under Judge Buchanan, a well-known jurist, and was admitted to the bar of Greene county, also becoming editor of the *Greene County Republican*, published at Waynesburg; his death occurred five years after his graduation, and James G. Blaine ever was a staunch friend of the family. 2. William J., a soldier in the Union army in the Civil War, surviving that conflict. 3. Cyrus Alexander, a soldier in the Union army in the Civil War, lost a leg in that conflict and was so impaired in health by the hardships and exposure of life at the front that he suffered during his remaining years, although his death did not occur until long after the close of the war. 4. Robert Baird, of whom further.

(III) Rev. Robert Baird Porter, son of Moses B. and Mary (Wilson) Porter, was born at Merrittsville, near the Henry Clay Pike, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1847. His early education was obtained in Dunlap's Creek Academy, then one of the three preparatory institutions in Western Pennsylvania, and after the completion of his studies in that place he entered Washington and Jefferson College, enrolling in 1865 as a member of the sophomore class and graduating in 1868, fulfilling all of the requirements of the classical course. He returned to his home and was immediately offered a controlling position in the Dunlap's Creek Academy, the institution having just lost Professor Sloan, the head of the academy, the board of trustees selecting Mr. Porter for the office. Accepting the offer of the board, he was immediately installed in authority, and for five terms of five months each taught in the academy, afterward having the deep pleasure and satisfaction of witnessing the successful and, in many cases, brilliant careers of men whom he had taught as youths. After resigning from his connection with this institution, Mr. Porter matriculated at the Western Theological Seminary and was graduated therefrom in 1874, his first charge being at Senecaville, Ohio. He was subsequently pastor of churches at Fairview, Hancock county, West Virginia, and Rochester, Pennsylvania, then accepted a call from the Cross-Roads Church in Pine township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, to the congregation of which he ministered until ill health caused his retirement in 1893.

Since that year Rev. Mr. Porter has cultivated his one hundred acres of land in Pine township, Allegheny county, and has taken a place as

one of the foremost agriculturists, stock, swine and poultry raisers of the county. His entire tract is under close and excellent cutlivation, productive to a high degree, and thereon he has conducted numerous experiments with new grains. Fine Jersey cattle graze over his pastures, and he is the owner of some thoroughbred swine that are unexcelled in the region and with which he has improved the grade of stock of the neighborhood to a noticeable degree. Through the crossing of two breeds of poultry, he has developed a flock of distinctive qualities, good proportions, and unusual laying capacity, which have attained considerable reputation among poultry fanciers. He devotes his entire time to his operations upon his land, and has the pride of the true agriculturist and fancier in successful experiments with seed and soil and with breed and blood.

Rev. Mr. Porter holds the universal liking of his neighbors, and as a layman is as potent and active a factor for the right and good as when occupying the pulpit. His upright, unselfish life preaches eloquently the gospel he expounded from the pulpit, and he may always be found at the head of movements for moral and civil welfare. On occasions of local celebration he frequently accepts invitations to become the speaker of the day, and his appearance upon the platform unfailingly meets with a hearty and cordial reception, for time will never efface the memory of his ministry in the Cross-Roads Church nor the fruits of his diligent labor.

Rev. Mr. Porter, in his middle name, Baird, bore the patronymic of an uncle who was known as one of the greatest of American travelers. This uncle, perfectly familiar with his own hemisphere, directed his travels toward the eastern hemisphere, and could converse in seventeen languages, having learned by far the greater part of them by actual contact with the races using them as a medium of communication. He lectured extensively throughout this country, for many years giving a series of lectures during the winter term at the Western Theological Seminary, and possessed such a wonderful memory that, in spite of the numerous engagements that it was necessary for him to keep, he never made a note of such a date, never, during his long career upon the lecture platform, failing to meet but one such obligation.

Rev. Mr. Porter married, in 1875, Celia G., of Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, daughter of Lewis M. Speer, a coal operator and builder of river boats of large tonnage. Her maternal grandfather, Rev. Mr. Finley, was the second minister of the Presbyterian Church to take up work west of the Allegheny mountains. Children of Rev. Robert Baird and Celia G. (Speer) Porter: 1. Mary P. 2. Anna A., deceased. 3. Edward. 4. George, deceased. 5. John, holds a clerical position in the United States army, now (1914) stationed on the Mexican border. 6. Wilbur, a resident of Valencia, Pennsylvania. 7. Arthur, lives at home. Mrs. Porter died May 3, 1913.

McCOMBS

George McCombs, of Scotch-Irish descent, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, was a cooper by trade, and died at the age of seventy-three years. He married Lydia Millholland, also born in Washington county, Pennsylvania. Five children: 1. 2. 3. Martha, Mary and George, triplets; Martha married James Cameron and they were the parents of seven children: Wilfred, James, William, Mary, Martha, Ella, Roint; Mrs. Cameron died at the age of seventy-seven years. Mary married Scott McCleary and they were the parents of three children: Ella, Flora, Scott; Mrs. McCleary died at the age of twenty-eight years. George died shortly after birth. 4. Nancy, married Harmon Gebhart; no issue; she died in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, in 1893. 5. William M., of further mention.

(II) William M. McCombs, son of George and Lydia (Millholland) McCombs, was born in New Castle, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, in 1845, died in 1906. After his marriage he settled on South Side, Pittsburgh, and lived there until his death. He was a tinner by occupation, and conducted a shop successfully for many years, changing the location as the demands of business made necessary. About fifteen years prior to his death he added roofing and sheet metal business, also state contracting, in which he was equally successful. He was an active worker in the interests of the Republican party, and served as city councilman in the old Thirtieth ward for a number of years; was school director in the same ward, and in later years became secretary of the school board of the old Twenty-ninth ward. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, Improved Order of Heptasophs, and Independent Order of Odd Fellows, serving fifteen years as secretary of the last mentioned organization. He and his wife were members of the Bingham Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was secretary of the board of trustees for twenty-five years, and was also superintendent of the Sunday school for a like number of years. Mr. McCombs married Sarah Ann Slicker, born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1847, died in 1885, daughter of John and Mary Ann (Preston) Slicker. They had children: Mary, unmarried, lives at No. 335 North Craig street; Martha, unmarried, is a school teacher, and lives with Mary; Sarah, died in 1885, at the age of twelve years; Lydia, died in infancy; Alice, died in infancy; William P., of further mention; Kinsley, who died at the age of thirteen years.

John Slicker, a native of Germany, was the son of John Schlicker, and after coming to this country, changed the spelling of the family name. He was a young man when he emigrated to the United States, and he settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was a glass worker all his life. He became a member of the firm of Stewart, Estep & Company, and died about 1870. He married Mary Ann Preston, born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, of Quaker descent, and died in 1913. Her father, George Preston, was a soldier in the War of 1812. She was brought to Pittsburgh in early chil-

hood, and became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Children: Sarah Ann, who married Mr. McCombs, as mentioned above; Isabella, died in infancy; Mary Elizabeth, who died December 25, 1912, married Kinsley T. O'Connor; Theodore Albert, a glass cutter, lives at Jeannette, Pennsylvania; John Andrew, died in 1907 in Pittsburgh; James Miles, died in Pittsburgh in 1887; Harry Preston, a glass cutter, lives at No. 106 South Twenty-third street.

(III) William P. McCombs, son of William M. and Sarah Ann (Slicker) McCombs, was born at South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1884. He was educated in the public schools—the Humboldt School and the Birmingham schools, being graduated when about sixteen years of age. He then spent one year in the commercial department of the Pittsburgh High School, and supplemented this by a course at Allegheny College, at Meadville. His first business position was that of clerk in the Anchor Rolling Mill, and in that he rose to the position of paymaster. He left this in order to assist his father in the roofing and sheet metal business, and after the death of his father conducted this business alone until 1910. In that year the business was incorporated with the following officers: Lewis F. Wentz, president; M. J. McCombs, secretary; William P. McCombs, manager and treasurer. From small beginning this business has grown to huge proportions. They have branched out into the general roofing business, and have executed many of the most important contracts in the city of Pittsburgh. They employ from twenty-five to fifty men regularly, and among the buildings they have roofed are: The Sunday Tabernacle, St. Joseph's Hospital and the Germania National Bank. They have now also branched out into the field of election specialties, and are noted for the quality of the wares they manufacture, their ballot boxes and voting booths being shipped all over the United States. Mr. McCombs served four years as a director of the Polithania State Bank. He is a staunch Republican, and has served as president of the board of health of Carrick; was elected a councilman and entered upon his office, January 1, 1914, and was chosen president of the council. He and his wife are members of the Bingham Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is secretary of the board of trustees. For a period of ten years he was assistant-superintendent of the Sunday school, and secretary of the Bingham Street Methodist Episcopal Cemetery. His fraternal affiliation is with the Order of Free and Accepted Masons, being a member of the Chapter, Council, Commandery, Consistory, thirty-second degree, and Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Noble of the Mystic Shrine, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; he is a member of Carrick Civic Club and South Side Board of Trade. He took up his residence in Carrick in 1909, and has built a beautiful house at the corner of Brownsville Road and Clifton Boulevard.

Mr. McCombs married, November 23, 1905, Ida Dorothy, born in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Jacob A. and Louise (Grundel) Rose, and they

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have had children: Dorothy Louise; William Preston, Jr., died at the age of two years; Martha Mary.

FLANAGAN

This has been an American family in the branch of which Michael K. Flanagan was a member since 1850, when John Flanagan, a native of Ireland, immigrated to the United States, making his home at Bradys Bend, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. He was a son of Timothy and Mary (Lahive) Flanagan, his father a farmer of Ireland.

(II) John Flanagan, son of Timothy and Mary (Lahive) Flanagan, was born in Ireland in 1810, and when he was forty years of age came with his wife and family to Pennsylvania, as previously stated. He was for nearly all of his life an iron-worker in the employ of the Great Western Iron Works. His religion was the Roman Catholic, and in all church activities he was prominent, holding the superintendency of the Sunday school at Bradys Bend, being also connected with the other organizations of the church. He was a Democrat in political conviction. He married, August 11, 1840, Bridget Kelly, born in county Clare, Ireland, in 1822, and had children: 1. Michael K., of whom further. 2. Martin, born in 1843; married Mary Droyer; resides at Bradys Bend, Pennsylvania. 3. Patrick, for about thirty years weighmaster in the employ of a coal company at Dubois, Pennsylvania; married Ann Walsh; died in March, 1905. 4. John, engaged in the oil business in Oklahoma; married Nancy Boyle. 5. Mary, married James McLoughlin; lives at Bradys Bend, Pennsylvania. 6. Thomas, a farmer of Bradys Bend, Pennsylvania; married Catherine Reid. 7. Stephen, a machinist; married Mary Manahan; lives in Corry, Pennsylvania. 8. James, a railroad employee; married Margaret Sommers; lives in Newcastle, Pennsylvania.

(III) Michael K. Flanagan, son of John and Bridget (Kelly) Flanagan, was born in county Clare, Ireland, September 15, 1841, died in May, 1905. He accompanied his parents to the United States when he was nine years of age and obtained the major part of his education in the schools of Bradys Bend, Pennsylvania, although his studies had begun in the homeland. In young manhood he was a teacher at Bradys Bend, and for three years during the Civil War was a member of the crew of a gun-boat in the Union service, stationed at Pittsburgh. After his discharge from the service he settled on a farm owned by his mother and himself at Bradys Bend, a tract of land forty acres in extent, which he cultivated for twenty-eight years, and was afterward engaged in the service of the borough of Wilkinsburg until his death. He was a man of upright honesty and in his dealings with his fellows was ever guided by motives of strict integrity. A genial disposition and a nature delighting in comradeship gained him many friends, and those of his acquaintances and friends who survive him bear willing testimony to his value as a man, his consideration as a neighbor, his loyalty and his worth. He was

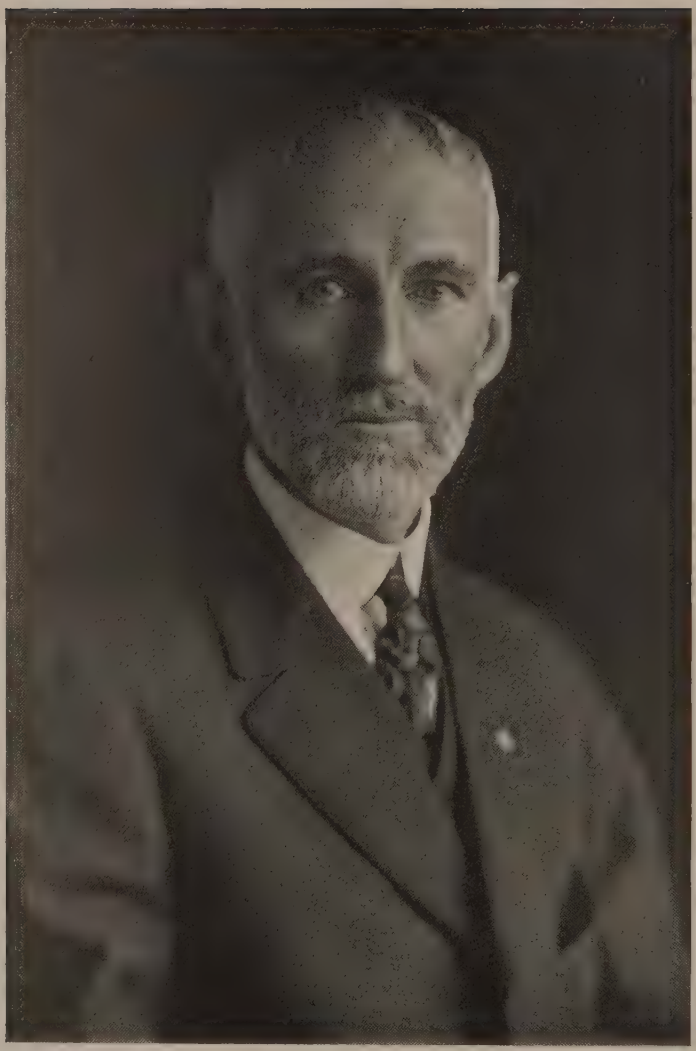
a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, to which his family belongs.

Mr. Flanagan married, July 17, 1865, Anna Powell, born in county Clare, Ireland, in 1841, daughter of Patrick and Mary (Moroney) Powell. Patrick Powell was a soldier in Company F, Sixth Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry, commanded by Captain Taylor. On one occasion the company was engaged in battle, Mr. Powell fighting by the side of his captain, when a sword thrust that would have ended Captain Taylor's life was averted by the quick action of Mr. Powell, a service that won him the life-long affection of his superior officer. Children of Michael K. and Anna (Powell) Flanagan: 1. John, died aged five years. 2. Mary, died aged three years. 3. James, died aged two years. 4. Winifred, lives with her widowed mother at Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. 5. Bridget, died aged one year. 6. Ellen, died aged three years. 7. Edward, died in infancy. 8. Anna. 9. Catherine. 10. Jane, married, June 24, 1914, Joseph McConnell, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

LONGMORE

Since its founding in the United States, its residence mainly in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, members of this Irish family have been associated in business, not, like many of their countrymen who have settled in this region, preferring agricultural pursuits.

(I) James Longmore, the emigrant, was born in 1815, in county Antrim, Ireland, died September 20, 1871. He was educated in the land of his birth, and after coming to the United States became a wholesale leather merchant of Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side), his place of business being on South Diamond street. After a business career profitably spent, he retired in 1869, living free from all business responsibilities until his death, two years later. He was a Democrat in politics, and with his wife a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He married, in 1842, Jessie Blackstock, born on Prince Edward Island, January 6, 1821, daughter of Joseph and Janet (Watt) Blackstock, who came to the United States with her parents about 1840, seven years after the immigration of her future husband, her parents passing their lives in Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side). Children of James and Jessie (Blackstock) Longmore: 1. Margaret, born in 1843, died in infancy. 2. Robert Harrison, born 1845; married Emma Lynch; a daughter, Beulah. 3. Mary E., born April 4, 1848. 4. Sadie, born March 1, 1851; married Thomas Craig Carson; children: Jessie May; Mary Longmore, who married William Henry Hastings, and has one child, William Henry Jr.; Mildred Reed; Margaret Jane; Alida Benham. 5. John Buchanan, born February 14, 1855; married Mary Elizabeth Warwick; resides in Buffalo, New York; children: Edna Warwick and Lillie T. 6. Alice Jane, died in infancy. 7. William James, of whom further. 8. Joseph Blackstock, born October 25, 1864; married Viol Ashworth; resides in Pittsburgh; son, Harry Ewing.



W. Longmore

(II) William James Longmore, son of James and Jessie (Blackstock) Longmore, was born in Allegheny City, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1860, and there lived until he was eleven years of age. His education was obtained in the public schools of Allegheny City and Bellevue, in which latter place he has resided since 1872. For the past thirty-three years Mr. Longmore has been connected with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, his present position in the employ of that concern being as general purchasing agent. He has served this great company in that capacity since 1892, and during the twenty-two years that have elapsed since his appointment to his important station has filled his position with conspicuous ability. Mr. Longmore is devoted to the interests of his company, a fidelity that reaches above the satisfactory discharge of his daily duties and works for and delights in the supremacy of the Westinghouse Company in its wide field. In 1889 Mr. Longmore built a handsome residence at No. 79 North Sprague avenue, Bellevue. He is a loyal Republican, and as such has been elected to the highest offices within the gift of his fellow citizens, serving on the borough council for six years, and from 1901 to 1903 filling the position of burgess. To this latter office he was again elected without opposition at the election in 1914, and assumed the duties of the office, with which he is familiar through his former service, on January 1, 1914. With his wife, he was a member of the Avalon United Presbyterian Church. Progressiveness and public spirit are the attributes that have characterized Mr. Longmore's relation to the Bellevue community, and in the offices to which he has been called he has exercised the executive force and power that have made him valuable to the Westinghouse Company, with the same happy results.

He married, in 1888, Emma C. Scheidemantel, born in Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, died May 21, 1914, daughter of George and Magdalena Scheidemantel, early settlers of Pittsburgh. Children of William James and Emma C. Longmore: 1. William James Jr., born August 4, 1890, died October 21, 1913. 2. Charles W., born May 5, 1896, a student in Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania.

McWILLIAMS

John P. McWilliams is a member of a family of Irish descent, which has, however, lived in the western part of the State of Pennsylvania since the old pioneer days and became identified with the life and traditions of the region. His father was Alexander McWilliams, a native of Ireland, who came as a boy from that country to the United States, and went directly to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he settled and made his home. The city of Pittsburgh was at that time little more than a marsh and Mr. McWilliams, Sr., made his home in a log cabin situated on what is now Fifth avenue. He learned the trade of stone mason and was one of those who worked upon the construction of the first bridge piers ever

erected in the city. He was still a resident of Pittsburgh at the time of of the great fire, but about seventy years ago he bought a farm in Center township, Butler county, Pennsylvania, and moved there with his wife. Butler county was pretty much all a wilderness at the time of Mr. McWilliams' settlement, and he was obliged to clear his property of the virgin growth of forest and build for himself the log cabin in which our subject was later born. He and his wife continued to reside there for the remainder of his life, and there he finally died, at the age of eighty-three years; his wife is still living, at the age of eighty-nine years. He married Eliza Beatty, a native of Belfast, Ireland, and a daughter of Hugh Beatty of that place. Her mother died in Ireland leaving Mr. Beatty a widower with three young daughters. He did not remain long in the "Old Country," but sailed for the United States, bringing his daughters with him, and settled in Butler, Pennsylvania. He later bought a farm in the neighborhood and there lived until his death. He had the reputation throughout the region of being an unusually honest man, a hard worker, and one who, in the homely phrase, "could mind his own business." To Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams were born eight children, six boys and two girls, as follows: John P., of whom further; Hugh B., deceased; Anne Jane; William; Mary Elizabeth; Samuel, a resident of Avalon, Pennsylvania; Robert, deceased; David. The old pioneer days, when Mr. McWilliams, Sr., was rearing his family, were rough indeed, and it is recorded of him that his wages during the first years in Pittsburgh were stipulated to be fifty cents a day.

John P. McWilliams, the eldest child of Alexander and Eliza (Beatty) McWilliams, was born November 10, 1849, in Center township, Butler county, Pennsylvania. At that time the only school in the neighborhood was one of primitive log construction, and in this the child received his education. After the completion of his general studies he turned to the learning of a trade, and for this purpose he went to Pittsburgh and apprenticed himself to William Trimble, of Trimble & McIntyre, a firm of builders. He here served out his full term of apprenticeship and continued in their employ for a period of about ten years. After severing his connection with this concern, Mr. McWilliams became engaged in the building and contracting business, the firm name being McWilliams & Beatty. Afterward a two years' employment by the Gill Car Works was followed by a position as foreman with the Pittsburgh Street Car Company, which he held for four years. After this he turned once more to his ambition of an independent business, and engaged in contracting. His residence in Bellevue, Pennsylvania, where his business is situated, has continued for twenty-one years.

Mr. McWilliams married, May 28, 1872, Imelda Meals, also a native of Butler county, Pennsylvania, she having been born upon the farm near to that of the father of Mr. McWilliams. Mrs. McWilliams was a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Jack) Meals, and a granddaughter of Jacob and Catherine (Varnum) Meals, early residents of Butler county, Pennsyl-

vania. On the paternal side Mrs. McWilliams is of German descent, and in the maternal line from the Jack family of Scotch origin. Her grandparents on this side were Samuel and Jane (Newell) Jack, pioneers in Butler county. Mr. Jack had six hundred acres in that region upon which he settled, securing it directly from the state government. Much of this he cleared and upon it built his own house, wherein he lived to within two years of his death, when he moved to Butler, where he died. A part of this property has never been sold, but has remained in the hands of the family since the days of the original government grant. Mrs. McWilliams and sister, Mrs. C. M. Furrow, are now the owners of this portion. Mr. Ebenezer Jack, a son of Samuel Jack, and an uncle of the present Mrs. McWilliams, served during the Civil War as a lieutenant in the Union army. To Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams have been born six children, as follows: Ella Elizabeth, who has held for some years the position of head bookkeeper of the Consolidated Lamp & Glass Company; Olive May, a nurse; Lawrence Alex, died at age of two years; Wade Linton, married Ida L. Abbott and had by her two children, Marguerite Hill and Jack Linton; Earl Lavern, married Martha M. Ford and had by her one daughter, Martha Marie; Dean Leroy, who lives at home with his parents. Mr. McWilliams and his family are members of the United Presbyterian Church.

WHITE

John White, of Avalon, Pennsylvania, is a man of exceptional mechanical ingenuity and skill, which he uses to good advantage, his efforts in this direction having been the means on several occasions of saving many human lives, the best recompense a man could wish for. He is also a man of integrity and worth, actively interested in various movements of benefit to mankind, and therefore a valuable member of the community in which he resides.

David White, formerly Whyte, father of John White, was a native of Scotland, residing near Dundee, from whence he emigrated to the United States, in 1840, accompanied by his wife, Euphemia (Will) White, and children, making the voyage in the ship "Cragie Var," being four months on the water, a fact which seems incredible in these days of swift travel. It was the captain's first trip across the Atlantic Ocean and he lost his course; at the end of the three months, when their food was almost exhausted, they came in sight of St. Johns, Newfoundland, where they replenished their food supply, and at the end of another month, when they reached the port of New York, their food was again near exhaustion. Mr. White and his family came direct to the vicinity of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where the brother (Thomas Will) of Mrs. White had previously settled, he being a member of the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. White followed the occupation of carpenter, working on steamboat cabins, in which he achieved a large degree of success, being enabled to provide a comfortable home for his family. His death occurred in Pitts-

burgh at the age of ninety-one years. Mr. and Mrs. White were the parents of three children: Margaret McLagan; Jessie, who became the wife of Joseph McNaugher, a prominent contractor; John, of whom further.

John White was born near Dundee, Scotland, May 17, 1834, and at the age of six years was brought to this country by his parents, as before narrated. He was educated in Robinson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, coming into the city from the country school, where he acquired a good mathematical training. He was employed for a short time in a jack factory. Leaving that he entered the employ of a gold beater, where they manufactured gold leaf, gold and tin foil, also gold plate and springs, which were then used by dentists. During the nine months with him he learned the art of refining gold and giving it the proper alloy for the purpose for which it was to be used. Not liking the business, he left to learn pattern making and drawing at Fort Pitt works, where he served four years under the instruction of Mr. N. K. Wade, at that time a noted mechanical engineer. Leaving there he was employed for a short time in Wightman's machine shop, where he finished some woolen machinery, and also three sets of patterns for improved oscillating engines. Leaving there he entered the employ of the P., F. W. & C. Railroad shop in Allegheny, where he began a career which continued for over thirty-two years. At that time everything in railroading was quite crude. Noticing that car wheels were being pressed on the axels with a large screw and required the services of five men, he suggested to the master mechanic to change to a hydraulic press, and after some argument was authorized to build one, which was done, and thus cut down the labor to three men and the time from twenty-seven minutes to seven. This established his reputation as a mechanical expert. From that time on he was authorized to continue improvements in all the mechanical branches, which would be too numerous to mention. But a few of them were the designing and construction of the first engine and truck for steam cars, which were used for some time on the accommodation trains. Also changed the style of the locomotive cylinders which were then made right and left, so that they would fit on either side of an engine by having the exhaust and steam parts cast central on the cylinders. This was at once adopted by the Pittsburgh Locomotive Works and other railroads. The Janney coupler, which has become universal, was given to him to develop. He got two models one-eighth size, and from them designed and modeled the complete coupler, establishing the centers, the contour of the connection which has remained the same. The general manager then requested him to design two Belgian Buffers to be used with the Janney coupler. He did so, and invented an equalizing bar connecting the buffers, which would keep them both in connection at the same time. In order to do so, he raised the platform floor up to the door sill, making it safe to walk from one car to another while in motion. A severe test was made of this improvement. A short time

after it was applied to a new train of five cars on the E. & P. division. The train consisted of three coaches, smoker and baggage car. By some misunderstanding of orders this train met with a heavy freight train on a curve. Both engines were wrecked. The front end of the baggage car was forced on the tender, but none of the remainder of the train was injured, and not a passenger hurt. Had it not been for this improvement, the train might have been wrecked and many lives lost. This improvement was patented and signed over to the railway company without any compensation, thus making railway travel safe and comfortable. He also organized the Allegheny branch of the Railway Young Men's Christian Association, was its first president, which organization continues to do good. After leaving the railway, he continued to manufacture patterns and models for other inventors, which did not prove a financial success, and he is now retired from active mechanical work.

Mr. White has always taken an active interest in the First United Presbyterian Church of Allegheny. On June 20, 1863, he was elected elder of the church and is still serving in that office, and on the fiftieth anniversary of his election as elder was presented by his friends in the church with an eloquent testimonial to his faithfulness and efficiency. For many years he had charge of the music of the church. Mr. White was also one of the committee of five which revised the first Psalter and Bible songs used by the United Presbyterians. He also engaged in mission work in the Third Ward many years, the outgrowth of which was the Fifth and Tenth United Presbyterian churches of Allegheny.

Mr. White married, September 20, 1887, Annie Warden Donaldson, born in Pittsburgh, North Side, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Carson) Donaldson. Children: 1. Audley Donaldson, born July 28, 1888; attended and graduated from the Avalon High School, studied mechanical engineering at Carnegie Institute night school, graduating as an honor student in a class of eighteen; six years of this time he was employed by the R. W. Hunt Company, engineers; he died after a brief illness, June 11, 1913. 2. John Stanley, born July 5, 1890; now connected with the firm of Hubbard & Company. 3. Margaret Elizabeth, born November 28, 1892, died November 8, 1913. 4. Kenneth Warden, born March 26, 1895; a student at the Carnegie Institute of Technology.

(The Donaldson Line.)

Robert Donaldson, grandfather of Mrs. John White, was born in Utica, New York, in 1775, a descendant of a Scotch-Irish ancestry. He was a civil engineer by profession, and laid out the central part of the city of Pittsburgh. He and the members of his family were connected with the Associate Reformed Church, now the United Presbyterian Church. He was the owner of considerable property on Wood and Water streets, Pittsburgh. His sister, Isabel, married Judge James Mitchell, of Philadelphia. Mr. Donaldson married Isabel Clendennin, and among their children was Robert, of whom further. Isabel Clendennin was a daughter

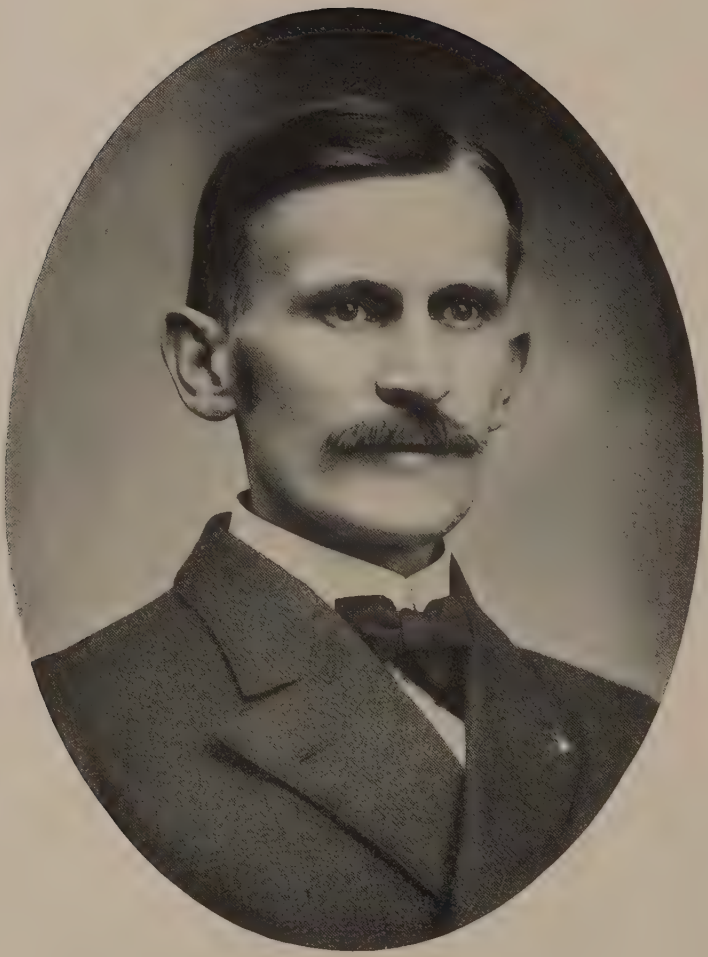
of James Clendennin, who was a soldier in the Continental Army, thereby making Mrs. John White, his great-granddaughter, eligible as a Daughter of the Revolution.

Robert Donaldson, father of Mrs. John White, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was reared and educated. His first employment was with Dennis Leonard, engaged in the lumber business, and he remained with him for forty-one years, this fact attesting to his faithfulness to duty. He married (first) Lethea Chambers, daughter of John Chambers, who was the owner of considerable real estate in Pittsburgh, and whose relatives were prominent in the glass business there. They were the parents of three children: John, a veteran; Presley; Isabella. He married (second), in February, 1849, Elizabeth Carson, daughter of William Carson, who came to this country from Ireland in 1830 on the ship "Dumfries," being six weeks and four days en route, and landed in Baltimore, Maryland, from whence he removed to Romney, Virginia, coming from there to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1835, making the trip in a four-horse wagon. He was one of the first teachers in the First Ward of Pittsburgh, North Side, and later was a leather merchant, in which business he was very successful. He was a land owner in Ireland and also had a haberdashery in Belfast. He married Ann Warden, a native of Ireland, although her people were of Scotland, daughter of Robert Warden, who was born in 1794, married Mary Orr, and spent his entire life in Scotland and Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donaldson had five children: William, Annie Warden, Lizzie, Sarah, Emma. John C. Donaldson, a half-brother of Mrs. John White, enlisted during the Civil War as a private in Company J, One Hundred and Second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, when a mere boy, served as secretary to Colonel Rowley and was honorably discharged August 7, 1862. The members of the family are active in the work of the United Presbyterian Church.

WAGNER

The name of Wagner is one which is known the world over, in many fields. In America it has been chiefly identified with commercial and financial affairs, in which various members of the family have achieved a large measure of prominence.

Peter C. Wagner, of Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, was born in Prussia, Germany, February 2, 1829, died in Pennsylvania, January 1, 1892. In 1849 he came to the United States, settling in Allegheny, where he commenced working at the trade he had mastered in his native country, shoemaking. He opened a shop and store for the sale of his handmade product, and two years later, because of lack of space for his increased business, was obliged to move, and located in the brick building at the corner of Main and Thirteenth streets, where he did a prosperous business, employed a large number of workmen, and continued there until 1871, at which time the machine-made goods of New England, and the east in general, had almost driven handmade work in this line from the markets of the



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country. He therefore opened a regular shoe store, and in 1883 was obliged to seek larger quarters for this, when he moved to a point on Main street, below Ninth street, and remained there until he retired from business in 1890. He was a director of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank from its inception, and was the treasurer and a director in the Sharpsburg and Etna Fire Insurance Company from 1873 to 1881. With his own hands and spade he helped to dig the trenches for fortifications at Morning Side road when General Robert E. Lee was expected to enter the city of Pittsburgh, during the Civil War. Politically Mr. Wagner was a Democrat, and he was a trustee of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Mr. Wagner married, at St. Mary's Church, Allegheny, in 1852, Elizabeth Bourget, of French descent, born in Germany, January 10, 1831, came to this country at the age of two years, and died April 1, 1886. They had children: Mary S., born in 1853, is unmarried; John H., born March 1, 1856, married Mary Schramm, and in association with his brother, Sylvester N., conducts a retail shoe store in Sharpsburg, and a wholesale one in Pittsburgh; Elizabeth, born March 14, 1858, entered the Convent of the Sacred Heart, at Buffalo, New York, and is known to the world as Sister M. Brigitta; Peter C., of further mention; Amelia, born October 5, 1862, is unmarried; Sylvester N., born February 25, 1865, married Catherine Glauber; Leo J., born June 9, 1867, is a dry goods merchant in Sharpsburg, and married Henrietta Jehle; Martha R., born in 1872, is also unmarried, and the three sisters live together.

Peter C. (2) Wagner, son of Peter C. (1) and Elizabeth (Bourget) Wagner, was born at Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1860, died August 19, 1913. He acquired his education in the public and parochial schools of Sharpsburg, and this was supplemented by a course at Duff's Business College, from which he was graduated in 1878. Until 1879 he assisted his father in his business, then entered the employ of G. W. Tilghman, who was engaged in the clothing business. Two years later he became assistant bookkeeper and shipping clerk with Spang, Chalfant & Company, and after some time again entered the employ of Mr. Tilghman, and at the expiration of two years was appointed assistant postmaster of Sharpsburg, under Mr. Casey. In 1887 he and Mr. Tilghman formed a business partnership, and opened a clothing store in Homestead, which was conducted under the firm name of Tilghman & Wagner. Mr. Wagner purchased the interest of his partner in 1888 and conducted the business alone until 1895, when he admitted his brother, Leo J., as a partner, but bought him out in 1899, and conducted the business alone again until his death. He was connected in various capacities with a number of other business enterprises, a partial list of these being as follows: A director of the Homestead National Bank; director in the Homestead Heating Company; director in the Swasteka Developing Company (Coffee) in Texas; president of the Homestead Business Men's Association for a period of twenty-one years; a member of the Merchants' Association.

His connection with other organizations was: A member of Duquesne Council, of Pittsburgh, No. 204; Branch 70, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association; Knights of Columbus, and held the office of secretary of the Branch for sixteen years; Knights of St. George, No. 18, of Homestead; Brotherhood of Elks, No. 650, of Homestead. He was independent in his political opinions, and had the courage of his convictions. He was a member of St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church, a member of its board of trustees at the time the new church was built, and a member of the Holy Name Society connected with it, having also served as president of this society. In 1895 he built a fine residence at No. 337 Tenth avenue. When the Homestead Park movement was first spoken of, he was one of the men who went to Mr. Frick and solicited his aid in favor of this project, and it was largely through his instrumentality that success attended these efforts.

Mr. Wagner married, November 8, 1888, Alice O'Leary, born in Pittsburgh, on the present site of Mercy Hospital, September 26, 1870. She is a daughter of William O'Leary, born in Pittsburgh, November 15, 1828, who was a glass manufacturer in that city until his death, being a pioneer in that field of manufacture. He owned the property on which Mercy Hospital now stands, and lived there many years. He married Mary Derby, born in 1847, died in East End in 1872, a daughter of James Derby, and his wife, both natives of England, who were early residents of Pittsburgh, where she died at the age of thirty years, and he also died young. Mrs. Wagner is the granddaughter of John and Mary (Murphy) O'Leary, both born in Pittsburgh, and married there, and he was also a glass manufacturer. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner had children: Alice, who married Charles Dublin and lives in Munhall, has children: Alice Marie and Geraldine; Mercedes, married John Henry Bullen, has a son, John Henry Jr., and lives with her mother; Mary was graduated from the Sacred Heart Academy, in Buffalo, New York, as were her two elder sisters also; Peter Charles, a student in Homestead High School; Jospehine, a student in Sacred Heart Academy, Buffalo; Margaret, died in 1912. Mrs. Wagner and her daughters have a talent for painting which would do honor to many a professional artist, and their magnificent home is filled with beautiful oil paintings and paintings on china, the work of their brushes.

KNOX

The family name of Knox has a territorial origin, being derived from the Celtic word "Cnoc," signifying a small hill. About the year 1266 Johanne de Cnok is named as a witness in a charter of the lands at Ingleston, Renfrewshire, Scotland. In 1328 two payments from the exchequer of King Robert the Bruce were made to Alamus del Knoc. Those bearing the name of Knox in this day are proud of the fact that they are connected with the family that produced John Knox, the illustrious Scotch reformer, to whom Englishmen are indebted for the Protestant character of their Book of Common Prayer,

and Scotchmen for a reformation so thorough as to permanently resist the encroachments of an aggressive sacerdotalism. By three centuries he anticipated the parochial system of education, now the law of England, and by nearly half that period he set for those principles of civil and religious liberty which culminated in a system constitutional government. The members of the family in Scotland, Ireland and England are prominent all down the years of recorded happenings in those lands in civil, ecclesiatical and military life. They have held the highest positions in church and state, and in transplanting to America the family lost no portion of their strength, power or prominence.

Major-General Henry Knox, of the Revolution, descended from the Belfast, Ireland, family. Alexander Knox, a powerful and elegant writer, was of the Londonderry, Ireland, family, and was a personal friend of the founder of Methodism, John Wesley. Hugh Knox, of the Scotch family of Ranfuilie, settled in the Parish of Donogheady, Londonderry, Ireland, and had sons and grandsons, prominent as divines. Philander Chase Knox, secretary of state in the cabinet of President Taft, descends from the family of James Knox, of Strathburn, Ireland. The first record of the branch of the Knox family under discussion here is in 1689 when, tradition says, they settled in county Tyrone, Ireland, at Stony Falls, Straburn, whence they had come from Scotland.

(I) James Knox, two brothers and one sister, were at Stony Falls, county Tyrone, Ireland, in 1689. James Knox married, and had children: William, Arthur, Mary, Nancy.

(II) William Knox, eldest son of James Knox, was born in Ireland in 1720, married, and had children.

(III) Rev. William (2) Knox, son of William (1) Knox, was born at Stony Falls, Straburn, county Tyrone, Ireland, January 23, 1767, and died in Cadiz, Ohio, June 16, 1851, while on the "circuit." From his early youth he was a devoted student of theology, and at the early age of seventeen years was a regularly licensed preacher. He began ministerial work as a local preacher in his native country, but desiring a wider field, came to the United States in 1797, accompanied by his wife, Margaret (MacCollum) Knox, and her family. The English and French were at war at that time, and tradition has it that a warship of one of these nations compelled their vessel to lie-to while the passengers were searched, and everything of value taken from them, the cargo also confiscated. The only articles of value saved were some jewelry and moneys which William Knox had wrapped about him. He joined the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1800, but subsequently became a member of the Pittsburgh Conference. He has the record of having preached in every city and town of Western Pennsylvania, and also in many in Ohio. While preaching in Connellsville, he married his second wife, Nancy Smith, a native of that town; he married (third) Esther Tingley. Children by first wife: James, born in Ireland; William, John.

Children by second wife: David Smith, of further mention; Nancy, who married —— White; Jane. Children by third wife: Jeremiah, Matthew, Arthur, Mary, Sarah, Esther.

(IV) David Smith Knox, son of Rev. William (2) and Nancy (Smith) Knox, was born in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1805, died in 1867. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Cadiz, Ohio, and at the age of fifteen years he was apprenticed to learn the trade of printing. At one time, in connection with Judge Weeks, he was editor of the *Uniontown Democrat,* although he held Republican principles. After severing connection with this paper, he taught school for several years, then, in association with Dr. Lafferty, engaged in the drug business, conducting a store opposite the old iron bridge, the first built in this country. In 1836 he removed to Brownsville and became the teller of the Monongahela Bank, was advanced to the position of cashier in 1840, and held this until his death. He was a member of the board of directors which built the first public school in Brownsville. The bank with which Mr. Knox was connected, and two others, the Franklin Bank of Little Washington and the old Bank of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, were the only ones in the State of Pennsylvania which were not overwhelmed by the panic of 1873. He was a Whig, then a Republican, in politics, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married (first) Sarah, born in Connellsville, May 29, 1829, a daughter of Dr. James Franciss, whose wife belonged to the Quaker sect. Dr. Franciss was a surgeon under Washington in the Revolutionary war, and gained great praise for his tireless energy and kindness in caring for the sick and wounded during the terrible winter at Valley Forge. He married (second) Rebecca, daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca Page, of Connellsville. Children of first marriage: 1. Sarah, born in 1830; married, in 1850, James Smith Miller, who died at the age of thirty-one years. 2. William Franciss, of further mention. Children of second marriage: 3. Thomas Page, born in 1837, now deceased. 4. Samuel B., born in 1839; was in active service as a surgeon during the Civil War. 5. Richard, born in 1841, now deceased. 6. Mary Eliza, born in 1843; married George Graff, and lives in Omaha, Nebraska. 7. Caroline, born in 1845. 8. Alfred, born in 1847; vice-president of the Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh. 9. Narcissa, born in 1849. 10. Rebecca, born in 1851. 11. Philander Chase, born May 6, 1853; was appointed attorney-general of the United States by President McKinley, served as United States senator from the State of Pennsylvania, and was secretary of state during President Taft's administration. 12. Harriette, born in 1855; is living on the old homestead.

(V) Dr. William Franciss Knox, son of David Smith and Sarah (Franciss) Knox, was born in Connellsville, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1831. The public schools of Brownsville furnished his preparatory education, and he then became a student at Allegheny College, which conferred

upon him the honorary degree of A.M., and from which he went to the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, and was graduated from this institution, April 1, 1854, the degree of Doctor of Medicine being conferred upon him. In December of the same year he located at McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and has been engaged in the practice of his profession there for the past sixty years, although he has partially retired now. He was one of the organizers of the Allegheny County Medical Society. He is also a member of the State Medical and the American Medical associations, and of the Masonic Fraternity. He is a Republican politically, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married (first) Elizabeth Kiddoo, of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and they had children: Jennie; William, of Spartanburg, South Carolina; Sarah, married Rev. William D. Irwin, a Presbyterian minister, of Meadville. Dr. Knox married (second) Mary Paull, daughter of Colonel W. L. Miller, of Port Perry, Pennsylvania. Mr. Miller was a well known business man, the owner of saw and grist mills, at Port Perry, and active in the interests of the Democractic party.

KOUGHAN

Of true Scotch-Irish blood, William H. Koughan, of McKeesport, of the first generation of his branch born in the United States, traces to William Koughan and his wife, Sarah (Akin) Koughan, the first named born in Ireland, the latter a descendant of Scotch Highlanders. Two generations of their descendants were born on Prince Edward Island, a province of the Dominion of Canada, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, an island inhabited by descendants of Scotch, Irish, English and Acadian settlers, about one-half the population being of Scotch descent. With the third generation began their residence in the United States. William H. Koughan, of the fourth generation, now a resident in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, is of the first generation born in Pennsylvania, he now residing in the city of his birth.

(I) William Koughan, born in Ireland, there married Sarah Akin, of Scotch parentage. William and Sarah Koughan soon after their marriage crossed the ocean to America, settling on Prince Edward Island, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, where their second son, Martin, grandfather of William H. Koughan, was born, in 1804. William and Sarah Koughan had two sons, William and Martin, and two daughters, one married a Mr. Prolt and the other a Mr. Redden.

(II) Martin Koughan, son of William and Sarah (Akin) Koughan, was born on Prince Edward Island, Dominion of Canada, in 1804, died there in 1894, after a long and useful life. He was a ship carpenter by trade, but was also a house and bridge builder and general contractor. He married Catherine Cahill, born in Limerick, Ireland, in 1802, who came to Prince Edward Island when a young woman and there died about 1882. Children: William, deceased; Mary, deceased; John, deceased;

Martin (2); Barbara; Emma, deceased; Joseph J., of further mention; Theresa, deceased; Dennis, deceased; and three who died in infancy.

(III) Joseph J. Koughan, son of Martin and Catherine (Cahill) Koughan, was born on Prince Edward Island, Canada, February 22, 1850. He was educated in public schools and lived at home until sixteen years of age, then the same spirit of adventure that brought his grandparents across the seas impelled him to leave home and seek his fortune in a strange land. He landed in Boston, Massachusetts, and there learned the blacksmith's trade and remained seven years. In 1873 he located in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and there secured employment at his trade in the steel tube works and with the exception of eight years spent at Middletown, Dauphin county, Pennsylsvania, in the tube works there, has resided continuously in McKeesport, employed in the steel mills. He has prospered and has not confined his activity to his own trade. In 1896 he established a bakery in McKeesport under the firm name J. J. Koughan & Son, that was conducted by his sons, William H., Charles and John, and was a very successful venture until the plant was sold to the Zieglers. He owns property in the city and may well consider his years, sixty-four, well spent. He is an active and earnest Republican, but has never sought or accepted public office. In religious faith he is a Catholic.

Mr. Koughan married, in 1874, Mary E. Atkinson, of Boston, Massachusetts, daughter of William and Alice (Quinn) Atkinson. William Atkinson was born in New York City and gave up his life in defense of the Union, falling in a battle of the Civil War. Alice (Quinn) Atkinson, born in Ireland, died in New York City about 1854. Children: William and Mary E. William Atkinson was a son of William Atkinson, who was a son of William Atkinson, who was born in England, died in New York City. Children of Joseph J. and Mary E. Koughan: Catherine, deceased; William H., of further mention; John F.; Theresa, deceased; Charles J., of further mention; Mary Elizabeth; Hilda Ellen; Theresa Regina.

(IV) William H. Koughan, eldest son of Joseph J. and Mary E. (Atkinson) Koughan, was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1877. He attended the public schools of Middletown, Pennsylvania, during the eight years of the family residence there, finishing his studies in the parochial schools of McKeesport. He then learned the baker's trade, and in 1896, with his father, formed the firm J. J. Koughan & Son, establishing a bakery at 1100 Walnut street, McKeesport. To the bakery he has added an ice cream manufacturing plant, the latter branch of the business now being conducted at the new building 80 by 120 feet erected in 1909. Mr. Koughan is not only practical and experienced in every detail of his business, but possesses an acute business instinct that rarely leads him astray. He transacts a large and profitable business in McKeesport and suburbs and has also an additional outlet for his products by supplying Oakford Park, at Jeannette, Pennsylvania, and they also operate what is known as the Koughan Amusement Company, at that park, of which he is president.

He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Koughan is a member of McKeesport Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Koughan married, in 1902, Matilda Porter, daughter of William and Mary Porter, of McKeesport. Children: Margaret and William A.

(IV) Charles J. Koughan, third son of Joseph J. and Mary E. (Atkinson) Koughan, was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, January 24, 1882. He was educated in public and parochial schools in Middletown and McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and began business life as a newsboy. From 1898 until 1901 he was employed in the tube works at McKeesport, then until 1904 was associated with the firm of J. J. Koughan & Son, bakers and ice cream manufacturers. From November 1, 1904, until January 12, 1909, he was in partnership with Peter Koch, in the real estate business as Peter Koch & Company. On the latter's death he purchased Mr. Koch's interest and is now sole owner of the business. He has been very successful and has accumulated considerable property in the Seventh and Eighth wards of the city. He is a Republican in politics, is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and for the past six years has been treasurer of his lodge. In religious faith he is a Catholic. He married, June 6, 1904, Anna C. Koch, of McKeesport. Children: Frances, born February 17, 1905; Anna, December 30, 1909.

HISSRICH

The Hissrich family has been in this country but a few generations, but they have made their mark as men of excellent executive ability in business as well as private life.

Charles Hissrich was born in Germany, and emigrated to America in 1861 with his wife and family. He settled at Wheeling, West Virginia, where he followed his calling as a tailor until he retired from active business, and is now living near Canal Dover, Ohio, at the age of eighty-three years. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Hissrich married, in Germany, Lizette Bieker, born in 1836, died in 1891. They had children: Richard, of further mention; Frank, who died in March, 1914.

Richard Hissrich was born at Kur-Hessen, Germany, October 8, 1859. He was but two years of age when he was brought to this country by his parents, and in everything but the actual fact of birth was an American. He was educated in the public schools of Wheeling, West Virginia, and was graduated from the Wheeling Business College. He was then apprenticed to learn the trade of tailoring, and was for a number of years with T. C. Moffitt, a brother of Professor Moffitt, president of Washington College. In 1886 Mr. Hissrich came to Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he was in the employ of Jacob Katz for seventeen years, and then formed a partnership with his brother-in-law, George Aul, which continued five years. In political matters he is a Democrat. Mr. Hissrich

married, August 24, 1880, Emma Louise Aul, born in South Side, Pittsburgh, June 4, 1862, daughter of Conrad and Catherine (Peter) Aul, the former born in Germany in 1827, died in 1894; the latter born in Canton, Ohio, in 1839, died in Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1906. Mr. Aul came to America in his young manhood, and went to Canal Dover, Ohio, removed to Dover, in the same state, and subsequently to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was a dyer and cleaner by trade, and when he removed to Wheeling, West Virginia, he established a business under the firm name of C. Aul & Son, with which he was identified until the time of his death. This business is still carried on under the same firm name. He had children: Emma Louise, mentioned above as the wife of Mr. Hissrich; George Conrad; Anna, deceased; Charles Adam; Henry Jacob; Minnie Catherine. Mr. and Mrs. Hissrich have had children: 1. Charles Conrad, deceased. 2. Minnie Catherine, married A. L. Seddon; one child living, Virginia C., and Ruth B., deceased. 3. Richard John, married Mary Naylor; two children: Bernadette M. and Verne C. 4. Arthur Charles. 5. Harry Frank. 6. Edgar George. 7. Mary, deceased. 8. Catherine Lizette. 9. Margaret Louise. Mrs. Hissrich owns a beautiful home at No. 428 Hawkins avenue, North Braddock, Pennsylvania. The family are members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church.

McGREEVY

John McGreevy was born in Ireland, died in Port Perry, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1884. He emigrated to America in 1852, and located at Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, then removed to Leechburg, and finally made his home in Port Perry. He was a devout member of the Catholic Church. He married, in Ireland, Mary McGinty, a native of that country, who died in Leechburg, Pennsylvania, in 1861. They had children: Nicholas, deceased; John, of further mention; Patrick, wounded while in military service during the Civil War; Hugh, wounded at the battle of Gettysburg; Bernard, also an active participant in the Civil War, died in Andersonville Prison; Mary, now deceased, married John Graham, of Braddock; Edward, died in Hazelwood, March 30, 1912.

John (2) McGreevy, son of John (1) and Mary (McGinty) McGreevy, was born near Belfast, county Down, Ireland, May 6, 1838, died in Braddock, Pennsylvania, March 2, 1912. His education was commenced in Ireland and completed in the public schools of Leechburg and McKeesport. Coming to Braddock in 1852 he found employment on a farm, receiving five dollars at first, and later ten dollars. For a time he was then engaged in coal mining, after which he was in the contracting business, in which he continued until 1895. He then engaged in the mercantile business at No. 669 Jones avenue, and was identified with this until 1911. This business is now conducted by Mrs. James Costello and her husband. He was a strong Democrat, and a conscientious member of the Catholic Church, to which he was also a liberal contributor. He was married at St. Thomas' Church,

in Braddock, in 1870, to Catherine, born in Maryland in 1852, daughter of John and Margaret (Morgan) McMullen. He was of county Louth, Ireland, and she was born in the same county. Her mother died in Ireland, and she came to America with her father, but he later returned to Ireland and died there. They married in Ireland, and had children: John and Mary Ann, deceased; Charles; Catherine, mentioned above as the wife of Mr. McGreevy; Ellen; Margaret; Bridget; William; Hugh, deceased; Rose; Alice. Mr. and Mrs. McGreevy had children: 1. James, who married Mollie Walters, of Braddock, and had children: Gilbert, Walter Jacob, Catherine, Irene, Mercedes, Joseph, Ruth. 2. Charles Edward, of Braddock, married Elizabeth Farrell, and had children: Charles and Lois. 3. Mary Elizabeth, married John Sheehan, of Braddock, and had children: Mildred, Daniel, Joseph, Dorothy. 4. Hugh, unmarried. 5. John, married Catherine Salmon, and has one child, John Kenneth. 6. Rosella, married James Costello. And Bernard, Margaret, Agnes, Margaret, Joseph, all deceased. Mr. McGreevy was a very successful man of business, and at the time of his death had acquired a very considerable fortune.

ROTHRAUFF

While the name of Rothrauff has not become Americanized in form, the family, which has now been resident here for some generations, has become American in every respect.

(I) Jacob Rothrauff was born east of the mountains, and at an early day settled at Hagerstown, Washington county, Maryland. He took an active part in the War of 1812. He died in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, at an advanced age.

(II) Samuel Rothrauff, son of Jacob Rothrauff, was born in Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1812, died in 1855. He removed to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he was a coal miner and farmer, and made his home in Braddock in 1849, later living at what is now Dewey, Pennsylvania, and later came to Braddock, where he bought an acre of land extending from Tenth to Eleventh streets. He married Ann, born in 1811, died in 1865, daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth McCloskey, the former of whom died in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, the latter died in Allegheny county in the same state. They had children: Henry, Elizabeth and Barbara, deceased; Thomas, of further mention; Samuel and Jane, deceased; Mary, Adeline, John, Robert and William, deceased.

(III) Thomas Rothrauff, son of Samuel and Ann (McCloskey) Rothrauff, was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, April 23, 1838. He was seven years of age when he was brought to what is now Dewey, and in 1849 to Wilkinsburg township, where Braddock now stands, and was educated in the public schools. He became a coal miner, and then worked in the Edgar Thompson Steel Plant for eighteen years. He was then a merchant at No. 932 Talbot avenue, on property which his father had purchased twenty-four years previously, and this has now been rebuilt. His

daughter, Mrs. Lightner, now conducts a confectionery business in the same building. In political matters Mr. Rothrauff is a Democrat, and he is a member of the Catholic Church. He married in January, 1863, Amanda, born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Esther Ream, and they have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They have had children: Samuel, of Braddock; William, now deceased, lived in Braddock; Charles, deceased; Mary Eleanor, widow of Joseph Ridge; Thomas, of New Castle; Laura, deceased; Adda, married Michael Gorman; Agnes, widow of Daniel Lightner, who died October 30, 1913; Gertrude, married James Christ, of Braddock; Albert, of Braddock; George, of Rankin; Frank, of Altoona; Bertha Lorena, married Leo Struif. Mrs. Lightner, mentioned above, has had children: Joseph Kenneth, Daniel Oliver, Charles Ralph, Ream, Agnes Lorena, died in infancy.

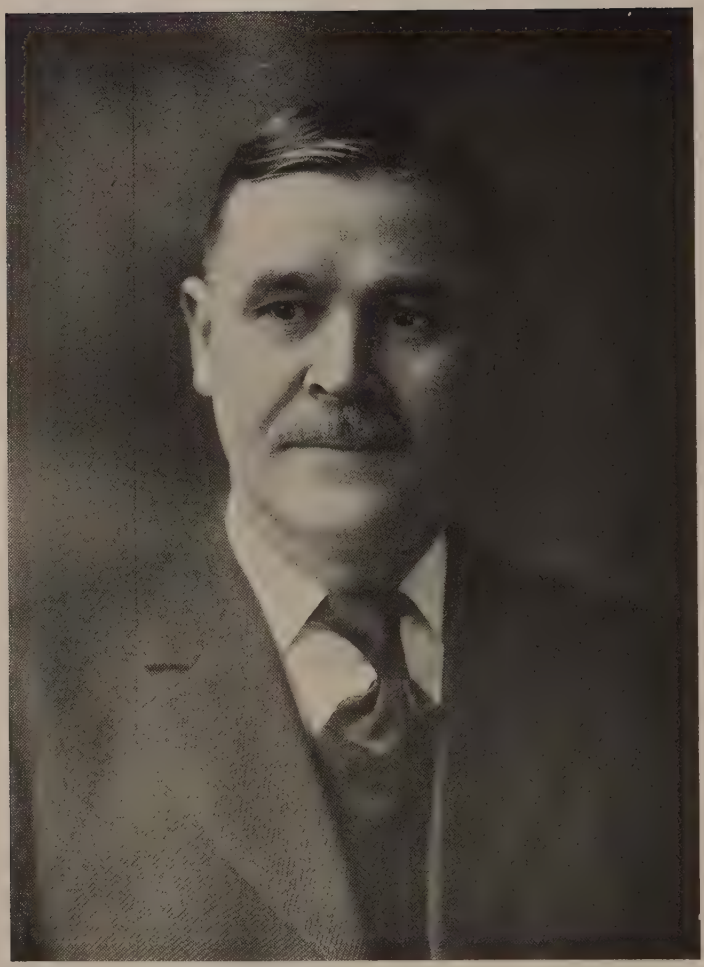
MORGAN

Lewis N. Morgan is a member of a family drawn from a number of races, a combination of the kind which seems to produce the most virile and dominant element in the population of the United States. On his father's side of the house he is descended from Welsh forebears, men representative of that stalwart race at its best, with their peculiar virtues of worthy industry and moral fervor. From his mother, on the other hand, he inherits English blood, the blood which laid the firm foundation of the social structure in this country.

The Morgan family, however, has resided in the country for many generations, and has, indeed, grown up with the region of Western Pennsylvania included in Allegheny, Beaver and Washington counties, so that it has become thoroughly identified with the life and traditions of that part of the world.

(I) His paternal great-grandfather was John Morgan, a native of Wales, who came to the United States and settled in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, when that region was little more than unbroken wilderness, and the savage was still a threat. He was one of the pioneers of Western Pennsylvania, whose sturdy toil and undaunted courage made the opening up of that part of the country possible, and upon whose work the subsequent great development there is primarily based. He had been a civil engineer in his native land, but in this new and undeveloped land he was obliged to supplement what work of engineering he could get with other kinds of occupation. Thus he became the owner and operator of a saw mill, and conducted a distillery also. He became as a result of these varied occupations a man of considerable wealth and owned a number of slaves, besides large tracts of land in the form of farms in Allegheny, Washington and Beaver counties. It was on one of these farms in Finley township, Allegheny county, that he established his home and there eventually died. He married Betsey Rierdon, not less a pioneer than himself.

(II) Dr. Charles D. Morgan, son of John Morgan, was a physician, who carried on a considerable practice in the region just beginning to open.



L. N. Morgan

He was himself born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, as early as 1802, and saw the first steps of Pittsburgh development, continuing with undiminished power to the present day. He married Matilda Vail, a native of West Virginia, born in Wheeling. One of their children was Lewis N., of whom further.

(III) Lewis N. Morgan, son of Dr. Charles D. Morgan, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, 1844, and there passed his entire life. He received his education in the schools of his native place, and afterwards became a ship carpenter, a trade in which he continued many years. On November 5, 1875, he went to the city of McKeesport and there made his home. He worked at a number of different occupations, until receiving his appointment to the police force, in McKeesport, and served on that body for twelve years, becoming at length chief of police for the city. He was a member of the Republican party, and very active in local politics. On the breaking out of the Civil War in 1861, Mr. Morgan enlisted in Company G, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served in the Union army for over a year. Three of his brothers, Rush, Jefferson and Frank, enlisted at the same time, and the two latter, both of whom are now deceased, served through the entire conflict. While still a very young man Mr. Morgan married Amanda E. Taylor, a young lady not yet seventeen years of age, a native of Pittsburgh, where she was born in 1846, and who bore him three sons, as follows: Charles D., deceased; Lewis N., of whom further; Harry H., deceased. Mr. Morgan has always been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while Mrs. Morgan's affiliation is with the Presbyterian Church. They are now living in retirement in McKeesport.

(IV) Lewis N. (2) Morgan, the second and only surviving child of Lewis N. (1) and Amanda E. (Taylor) Morgan, was born January 19, 1864, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He spent his childhood, up to the age of eleven years, in that city, and received a portion of his education there. In the year 1875 his father removed to McKeesport, and there the boy resumed his studies in the public schools of that city. Upon completing his studies, he secured a position in the Tube Mills, where he remained until nineteen years of age. He then entered the grocery business and continued in the same for five years, prospering greatly during that time. In 1889, however, he gave up this pursuit and turned to the hotel business in which he believed great opportunities were to be found. In the meantime he had entered actively into politics, following the example of his father, and began to make himself known in the local councils of the Republican party. His great natural aptitude for management, which had always made him highly successful in the world of business, drew the attention of the important members of the party to him, and they began to perceive that here was a young man with whom to be reckoned. In the year 1900 he was his party's candidate for member of the city assembly and was elected triumphantly. This office he held to the entire satisfaction of his constituents for three years, and then accepted the Republican nomination for alderman. This

was in 1903, and once more he was victorious in the election. The term of this office does not expire until 1920, and Mr. Morgan is now in the midst of performing his important and responsible functions, with ability and unimpeachable integrity. He is at present engaged in the real estate and insurance business, and is prospering greatly in that field. Besides his public duties and private business, Mr. Morgan is a man of varied tastes and activities, taking part in many aspects of the life of his community. One of his tastes is for horticulture, and his achievements in this line are very distinguished, and have brought him an honorary membership in the Luther Burbank Society of Santa Rosa, California. He is also a prominent fraternity man, a member of Aliquippa Lodge, No. 375, Free and Accepted Masons, and member of the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Morgan married, July 13, 1888, Margaret J. Williams, daughter of Edward and Mary (Edwards) Williams, of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Morgan was born in Irwin, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have been born two sons, as follows: 1. Walter L., born July 29, 1890; educated in the public schools of McKeesport, and later in Duff's Business College of McKeesport; now assisting his father in his business. 2. Herbert E., born October 28, 1904; now a pupil in the McKeesport public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are staunch members of the Baptist Church, attending the First Baptist Church of that denomination in McKeesport. They are active in the work in connection with the church body, and materially support its various dependent benevolences. They are rearing their children in this persuasion.

ENGELHARDT

The Engelhardts of Glenshaw, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, are descendant of an old family of the Kingdom of Bavaria, since 1871, one of the leading states of the German Empire. John Engelhardt was taken prisoner by the French while serving in the German army and died soon after his release from confinement. He was a shoemaker by trade, married and reared a family of sons, among them, John Albert, father of Andrew Engelhardt, of Glenshaw, Pennsylvania.

(II) John Albert Engelhardt was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 7, 1825, there grew to manhood, obtaining a good education and learned his father's trade, shoemaker. After coming to the United States in 1853 he settled in Lawrenceville, (now Pittsburgh) obtaining his first employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad. Later he worked for the firm of Siebert & Burg, then until 1873 conducted a shoemaker shop at the corner of Thirty-eighth and Butler streets in Pittsburgh. In 1873 he moved his residence and business to Millvale, where he carried on a prosperous business until his retirement in 1893. He was an expert boot and shoemaker and drew his patronage from the best class of patrons, the era of factory-made boots and shoes not then having arrived. He was a member of the First Lutheran Church, and for many years was collector of taxes for Millvale.

He revisited his Bavarian home thrice during his later years and greatly enjoyed his sojourns amid the scenes of his youth. He died February 28, 1904, deeply regretted by his many friends.

He married, in 1853, Margaret Popp, in Pittsburgh, soon after his arrival in that city from Germany. She died November 28, 1897. Children: 1. Anna Rebecca, born October 18, 1855, died aged two years. 2. Mary A., born February 18, 1857, married F. F. Walther. 3. John Albert (2), born March 1, 1860, married Sadie Datz. 4. John, born May 7, 1862, married Mary Rickey, deceased. 5. Charles, born December 20, 1864, died November 3, 1865. 6. Andrew, of further mention. 7. Matthew, born April 3, 1868, died November 22, 1901; married Margaret ——. 8. Louis Henry, born October 28, 1871, married (first) Margaret George, (second) Lottie Creather. 9. Rebecca Elizabeth, born February 9, 1874, married Frederick J. Grealman. 10. Gustav, born September 22, 1875, married Catherine Kamar.

(III) Andrew Engelhardt, sixth child and fourth son of John Albert and Margaret (Popp) Engelhardt, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, corner of Thirty-eighth and Butler streets, February 2, 1866. In 1873 his parents moved to Millvale, where he attended the public school. After finishing his school years he began working in the meat market, conducted by his brother-in-law, F. F. Walther, in Millvale, and there thoroughly learned the butcher business. Later he worked one year in Youngstown, Ohio, then returned to Pittsburgh, where for six years he was in the employ of Philip Graver, butcher and retail meat dealer. At the end of this period Mr. Engelhardt, in partnership with William G. Fried, a nephew of Philip Graver, bought the business, but were associated but one year when Mr. Engelhardt became sole owner and so continues. He occupies stall No. 24 in the Pittsburgh Public Market and conducts a large and profitable retail business. In 1906 Mr. Engelhardt bought a site in Glenshaw, and in 1907 erected thereon his present beautiful country home. He is a man of energy and thoroughly understands every detail of the business, also possessing the good judgment and clear brain necessary to business success. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Glenshaw, and in political faith is a Republican.

Mr. Engelhardt married, in November, 1892, Amelia, daughter of Adam and Catherine (Sauers) Ochsenhist, whose children are: 1. Elizabeth, married Anton Riester. 2. Adam. 3. Charles, deceased. 4. Henry, deceased. 5. Louisa, married Theodore Carson. 6. Jacob. 7. Catherine, married John Noble. 8. Amelia, married Andrew Engelhardt. 9. Anna, deceased. 10. William, deceased. All born in Louisville, Kentucky. Adam and Catherine Ochsenhist were born in Germany, emigrated to the United States, settled in Louisville and there resided until 1881, then came to Pennsylvania, locating in Pittsburgh. Children of Andrew and Amelia Engelhardt: 1. Margaret Catherine, a teacher in the public schools in Shaler township. 2. Walter Frederick, a student at the University of Pittsburgh. 3. Edna

Elizabeth, a student at Pittsburgh North Side High School. 4. Robert Edward. 5. Mildred Anna. 6. Andrew (2).

SWEITZER

George A. Sweitzer is a member of a family originating in the old French province of Alsace-Lorraine and representative of the characteristic virtues of that region, an unusual degree of industry, noticeable even among their proverbially thrifty neighbors, and the power of practically adapting ideas to the conduct of life.

Henry Sweitzer, father of George A. Sweitzer, was born in Alsace-Lorraine, and there passed his youth and young manhood, but emigrated to the United States when he was twenty-seven years old, and settled in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sweitzer Sr. proved his patriotism for his adopted country by enlisting in Company B, Sixty-second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, at the outbreak of the Civil War, and served for two years in that historic struggle. He entered the army as a lieutenant, and was promoted to a captaincy, but resigned his commission upon the death of his wife in the year 1862. During this period he saw considerable active service, and took part in the battles of Bull Run, Seven Pines and the Wilderness. He was twice wounded in the hand. Originally a tailor by trade, Mr. Sweitzer engaged in the grocery business, and was enabled to start with a very excellent establishment through the money he had saved up from his wages while in the army. He remained in the grocery business for twenty-five or thirty years, and was extremely successful, and finally retired and removed to Knoxville, Pennsylvania, where he died about 1893. He was a member of the Republican party and always took a keen interest in all political questions whether of local or national application. He was a member of Hays Post, No. 3, Grand Army of the Republic. Mr. Sweitzer married Barbara Heller, born in Byron, Germany, on the river Rhine. Miss Heller came to the United States as a girl, and in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, met Mr. Sweitzer and there was married to him in the old German Evangelical Church at Sixth avenue and Smithfield street. The young couple at first resided in the First Ward, Pittsburgh, later on Penn avenue and at length in the "South Side," where Mr. Sweitzer continued to make his home until his final retirement to Knoxville. To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sweitzer were born three children, as follows: Emma, who married William Henry Nierste, of old Allentown, now a part of Pittsburgh; George A., of whom further; Caroline, now Mrs. August Roth, also of Allentown.

George A. Sweitzer, the second child and only son of Henry and Barbara (Heller) Sweitzer, was born February 21, 1857, in the First Ward, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He received his education at the Humbolt School in the "South Side," but when a boy of thirteen or fourteen years of age he left home and learning the barber's trade he soon set up a shop for himself in Lower Allegheny, on the corner of Beaver and Pennsylvania

avenues. He prospered from the start, and later removed to Smithfield street, opposite the City Hall. In 1880 he went to Chicago, but did not remain there over a year, and upon his return to Pittsburgh, located in succession on Market street, Fifth avenue, near Smithfield street, and on Fourth avenue. His next venture was into quite a different line of business, but one in which he was even more successful. In 1901 he moved to Hayes Borough, Pennsylvania, and their applied for a hotel license. Three years later he purchased a hotel, which he at once began to operate under the name of the Hotel Sweitzer, and where he has continued ever since. He is now one of the oldest hotel keepers of the town. Mr. Sweitzer does not by any means confine his attention to the conduct of his business, but takes, on the contrary, the keenest interest in the general life of the town, and is prominent in the social and fraternal circles there. He is a member of the local lodges of the Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Free and Accepted Masons, the Order of Moose, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Turners of Homestead. Mr. Sweitzer is unmarried. He is a member, as was his father before him, of the Lutheran Church, and is prominent in the work of that body.

AUGUSTIN

Michael Augustin was a native of Prussia, Germany, where his entire life was spent. He was a carpenter by trade. He married (first) Elizabeth Lorson, by whom he had eight children, and eight children by a second marriage. Of these only the following named came to America: Michael, of further mention; Peter, now retired from business, and lives in St. Clair borough; Elizabeth, married John Gorius; Margaret, a half-sister of Michael, married (first) Christian Mergan, now deceased, (second) George Dornbacher, also now deceased, and lives in St. Clair borough.

(II) Michael (2) Augustin, son of Michael (1) and Elizabeth (Lorson) Augustin, was born in Prussia, Germany, August 6, 1842, died in 1900. He came to the United States at the age of twenty-two years, with his cousin, and made his home with him for a time. After his marriage he lived in what was at that time Lower St. Clair township. He was occupied as a miner until 1876, when he conducted a hotel on Carbon street for one year, then another on Southern avenue five years, and finally removed to where his widow is living at the present time, Nos. 145-47 Southern avenue. He was a strong Democrat, and he and his wife were members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and of several church societies. He married, in Pittsburgh, November 15, 1867, Wilhelmina Klein, born in Prussia, October 5, 1847, and who came to the United States with her parents in 1848. She was a daughter of Nicholas and Margaret (Pack) Klein, both born in Prussia, and came to the United States in April, 1848, when they settled at West Liberty and later removed to what is now Mount Oliver borough. Mr. Klein was a miner all his life after he arrived in this country, and is buried in St. Michael's Cemetery. They had children: Jacob, a book-

keeper, died at Mount Oliver; Wilhelmina, mentioned above; John, a merchant, died at St: Clair borough; Barbara, died in a convent; Mary, died unmarried at Mount Oliver; Nicholas, died at the age of eight years; Peter, a painter, lives in Coraopolis; Helena, married George Bullion and lives in Pittsburgh; Mary, died in a convent. Mr. and Mrs. Augustin had children: Marguerite, married John Ubinger and lives in Locust street; Jacob, died in infancy; John P., a shoe merchant in Mount Oliver, has served seven years as burgess; Joseph J., of further mention; Helen, married Louis Bregencer, and died at Pittsburgh; Andrew, an iron molder, living in Carrick; Peter C., a barber, died in Mount Oliver; William, a painter, living in Pittsburgh; George, a barber, lives in Mount Oliver; Clara, died at the age of twenty-one years; Alphonse, a machinist, lives at Beechview, a suburb; Edmund J. V., twin of Alphonse, a barber, living in Mount Oliver; Raymond G., lives with his mother. Mr. Augustin has thirty-four grandchildren.

(III) Joseph J. Augustin, son of Michael (2) and Wilhelmina (Klein) Augustin, was born in Lower St. Clair township, now Mount Oliver borough, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 28, 1873. He acquired his education in St. Joseph's Parochial School, and upon its completion became an architectural sheet mill worker, an occupation which he followed for about six years. He then met with an accident which incapacitated him for further work in this direction, so in 1908 he established himself in business at No. 208 Southern avenue, selling newspapers, periodicals, confectionery, etc., and later removed to No. 143 on the same avenue. He is independent in his political opinions, and a member of the German Beneficial Union and the Washington Progressive Association. He and his wife are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Mr. Augustin married, January 15, 1901, Dorothy Clemens, born on the South Side, Pittsburgh, December 5, 1876. They have no children. Mrs. Augustin is a daughter of George and Theresa (Gleckley) Clemens, both born in Germany, came to this country single, and married in Pittsburgh. He was a brewing master in his early days, filling this position for twenty-three years for the Nusser Brewing Company, and when they went out of business he held a similar one with the Duquesne Brewery until his death, November 21, 1913, at the age of sixty-five years. His widow still lives on Nusser street, South Side. They had children: Joseph, who died at the age of twenty-three years; Dorothy, who married Mr. Augustin, as mentioned above; Catherine, married Charles Slyke, and lives in Chicago, Illinois; Mary, died at the age of two years; George, in the employ of an automobile manufacturing company, lives at South Side; Theresa, married Harry Deckler, and lives in Mount Oliver borough; Frank, a brush maker, lives in Mount Oliver borough; Clara, married Vincent Berg, and lives in East Liberty; John, in the employ of the Duquesne Brewery; Charles, unmarried.

SPILLMAN

The name of Spillman is probably of German origin, and the bearers of it have been resident here for a number of generations, and some of them have earned distinction in various fields of industry, notably in mercantile lines.

Frederick Spillman was born in Frederick county, Maryland, in 1828, died in Martinsburg, West Virginia, December 24, 1905. He settled in Martinsburg after his marriage, and there engaged in mercantile business with which he was identified actively until his death, being at that time the oldest merchant in active business in that town. His business is now carried on by his two sons, William H. and Frederick P. He was a staunch Republican, and took an active part in local political matters, was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Mr. Spillman married Susan Snook, who is still living in Martinsburg. She is a daughter of Samuel and Harriet (Smith) Snook, both born in Berkley, Virginia. Mr. Snook was a cabinetmaker by trade, served as a soldier under General Stonewall Jackson, until disqualified by age, and died in Berkley. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church, and had children: Mary, now deceased, married Nathan H. Vancleve; Susan, married Mr. Spillman, as mentioned above; Peyton H., a retired merchant of Atlanta, Georgia; Henry D., died as a young man; Charles S., a resident of Wheeling, West Virginia; Hattie, who died in Martinsburg in 1884, married J. C. Hutsler; Ella, became the second wife of H. N. Deatrick; Elizabeth, who died in Martinsburg, married H. N. Deatrick; George M., proprietor of a department store, a resident of Wheeling, West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Spillman had children: William H., mentioned above, lives in Martinsburg; Annie, died at the age of three years; Mary, who died in Martinsburg, married George M. Hoke; Frederick P., mentioned above; Ella, married William S. Jolliffe, and lives in Morgantown, West Virginia; Charles Owens, of further mention.

Charles Owens Spillman, son of Frederick and Susan (Snook) Spillman, was born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, August 22, 1874. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, and was graduated from them with honor. At the age of seventeen years he entered the employ of the National Bank of Martinsburg, remaining with them for a period of two and a half years. Eight years were then spent as assistant cashier of the Merchants' and Farmers' Bank of Martinsburg, after which he became cashier of the Jeannette National Bank, at Jeannette, Pennsylvania, holding this office until it went into liquidation in 1902. He then came to Allegheny, where he was one of the organizers of the Provident Trust Company, and filled the office of secretary and treasurer for four years. Becoming connected in a similar capacity with the Pennsylvania Light and Power Company, he retained this office until they sold out in 1912. Mr. Spillman, in association with a few other men in the Pittsburgh district, organized the Carrick Bank, a state bank, of which he has been the cashier since that time. Upon the organization of this bank it had a capital of $50,000, the

first year's deposits were less than $50,000, and the annual deposit at the present time was $135,347. In 1913-14 the business of the bank had grown to such proportions, and everything connected with it was in so satisfactory a condition, that it was found advisable to erect a beautiful three-story brick building, on Brownsville Road, in Carrick. This has a frontage of forty-four feet, houses a drug store as well as the bank, and has two floors of flats above. Mr. Spillman has also served as secretary and treasurer of the Union Ice Company, and the Allegheny Ice Company. In political matters he is Independent, and he is a member of Ionic Lodge, No. 525, Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Spillman married, October 3, 1900, Williamette, born in Martinsburg, daughter of William and Isora Blackwell, and they have one son, Charles Owens Jr., born January 25, 1902.

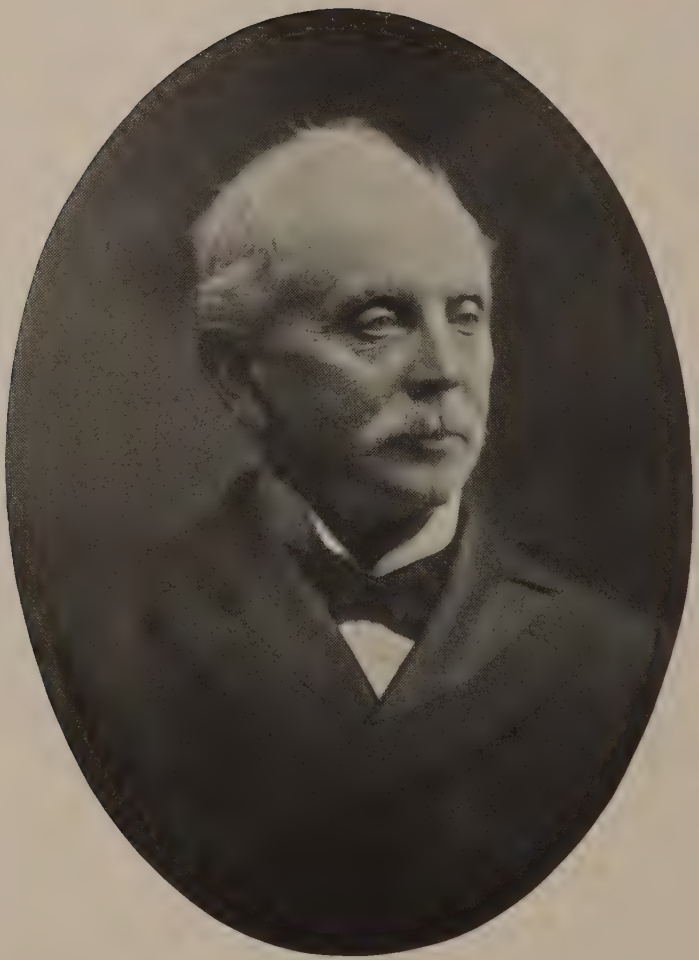
SPEER

This name with its various ways of spelling, as adopted by locality or possibly errors in writing, appears to be distinctive of locality, as in Maine we find the direct spelling Spear, and in other parts of New England, Speare and Spears. In Pennsylvania and the southern states it is universally spelled Speer, in the west either Speer or Speers. In New Jersey Speir seems to have been the original spelling. Speer and Speir are the only spellings used by the immigrant ancestors—Speer by Scotch Covenanters, who came to America and settled in Pennsylvania, and drifted south and west, and Speir by the Dutch.

John Speer lived at Sharpsburg, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, at an early day, probably coming to that section from the eastern part of the state. In his later days he was a manufacturer of bricks. He married Sarah Randolph.

William H. Speer, son of John and Sarah (Randolph) Speer, was born near Elizabeth, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 17, 1838, died in Braddock, in the same county, December 17, 1904. He received his education at Osceola, Pennsylvania, then became a pilot on a tow boat, on the Ohio river, an occupation he followed many years. After his marriage he located in Elizabeth, lived there three years, then removed to Braddock, where he filled the office of deputy sheriff. Later he became clerk in the sheriff's office, and then clerk, in the clerk of courts office. About three years prior to his death he opened a store in Braddock, which he conducted successfully. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Knights of Malta and the Grand Army of the Republic. At the outbreak of the Civil War, when President Lincoln issued the first call for volunteers, Mr. Speer enlisted for three months in Company C, Eighth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and later for three years in Company G, Twelfth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. During one of the numerous engagements in which he participated, he was wounded in the shoulder.

Mr. Speer married, in 1864, Alice M. Fritzius, born in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, on a farm directly opposite Port Perry,



Francis Walker

daughter of George and Eliza (Stewart) Fritzius; granddaughter of John George and Catherine Fritzius, born in Germany, came to Philadelphia, and then located in Mifflin township; and granddaughter of Peter and Alice (Rodgers) Stewart, pioneer settlers of Pittsburgh. George Fritzius, father of Mrs. Speer, was an early burgess of Braddock. He moved to Port Perry about 1850, to Braddock in 1866, and in both places followed his trade as a carpenter. He was an active worker in the interests of the Republican party, and died in 1873. He had eight children. He was born in Philadelphia, while his wife was born in Pittsburgh. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Speer: 1. Lydia E., deceased. 2. Randolph E., deceased; married Estella M. Sharp; two children: Elizabeth A. and William M. 3. Josiah E., of Zanesville, Ohio; married Lillie M. Kligensmith; no issue. 4. Emma M., married E. N. Hall, of Braddock, Pennsylvania; one child, Alice Speer.

WALKER

The name of Walker has come to us from England, and while the family under discussion here has only come to this country in recent years, the name has been a familiar one in America for many generations. The name of Captain Richard Walker, undoubtedly of English descent, is found on the records of Lynn, Massachusetts, as early as 1630, when he was ensign of the local military company. All the Walkers in America of English descent probably trace to the same ancestor.

Thomas Walker was born near Manchester, England, where he obtained his education, and became a manufacturer of hats. He came to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, about 1830, and had a hat establishment at the Scotch Hill Market, now the corner of Second and Grant streets. Later he removed to Pottsville, Pennsylvania, and there his death occurred. He married Sarah Harrison Berkenshire, and they became the parents of four sons and four daughters.

Thomas (2) Walker, son of Thomas (1) and Sarah Harrison (Berkenshire) Walker, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1840. He acquired his education in the night schools of that city, and at an early age learned the machinists' trade with the Rees Hartupee Company. He commenced with this company at the very bottom of the ladder, his first work being the wheeling of ashes. He remained about ten years with this concern, after which he was employed by Mr. Rees independently in his establishment in Pittsburgh on the Allegheny river. At the time of the Civil War Mr. Walker established the brewing business of Fawcett & Walker, which was located on the present site of Kaufman's warehouse, on what was then Stevenson street, but, acting on the advice of Thomas Marshall, a well known attorney, he withdrew from this line of business. He then removed to Braddock, where he established a foundry in 1862, under the style of McVay & Walker, later incorporated under the name of the McVay-Walker Company, of which Mr. Walker became the president, an office he is still filling with remarkable executive ability. He was formerly

treasurer of the Pittsburgh Wire Company; is now treasurer of the Columbia Steel & Shafting Company; vice-president of the Union Insurance Company, of Pittsburgh; and president of the Merchants' Savings & Trust Company, of Pittsburgh. He now resides on Bluff street, Pittsburgh. He served as councilman of the city at the time the present system of water works was constructed, and is a member of the Masonic Fraternity. Mr. Walker married Amelia Cubbage, and has children: Alexander Cubbage, secretary and treasurer of the McVay-Walker Company; Thomas Algo, secretary of the Columbia Steel & Shafting Company.

KENNEDY

This line of the family of Kennedy was founded in Pennsylvania, removing from Ohio, he with whom the record opens, James Kennedy, having been long a resident of Youngstown, in the latter state, living there in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He was a farmer in calling, owning and cultivating a wide extent of land, on a part of which has since been built a section of the city of Youngstown. He married Sarah Reid, and had children: 1. James Bailey, a farmer, died near Youngstown, Ohio. 2. Thomas Walker, a farmer and iron master, died near Poland Center, Ohio. 3. Joseph Clark, only survivor of the children of James and Sarah (Reid) Kennedy, lives in Youngstown, Ohio. 4. William Harrison, a soldier of the Civil War, died in Etna, Pennsylvania, in 1913. 5. David S., of whom further. 6. Reid, deceased, father of D. S. Kennedy, of Munhall, Pennsylvania. 7. Goodwillie, a veteran of the Civil War, died a short time afterward from ailments contracted while in the service. 8. Eliza, married George Little, and died near Struthers, Ohio, aged eighty-nine years. 9. Margaret, married, and died in young womanhood. 10. Matilda, married a Mr. Crossman, and died about 1912, aged eighty-seven years.

(II) Rev. David S. Kennedy, son of James and Sarah (Reid) Kennedy, was born near Youngstown, Ohio, in 1834, died in DeKalb county, Illinois, in 1899. After a preparatory course he entered Westminster College, whence he was graduated in 1858, after which he matriculated at the Allegheny Theological Seminary, subsequent to his graduation being ordained into the ministry of the United Presbyterian Church. His first charge was as pastor of the Center Church, near Midway, Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1873, in that year going to Sewickley, continuing in the ministry in that place until December, 1878. The following sixteen years he passed as pastor of the church in Somonauk, DeKalb county, Illinois, thereafter retiring from the ministry and living until his death on a farm he had purchased in that county, being there buried. Until late in his life he was a sturdy supporter of the Prohibition party, prior to his death forming allegiance with the Republican organization. While a resident of Sewickley he held membership on the local school board. He was a faithful and inspired minister, and the five years that he passed in retirement prior to his death were years of rest well earned

by a life of blessed activity for the promotion of the Kingdom. As became a minister, he abounded in good works, but so gentle and sympathetic was his nature that had he been called to some other occupation much of his substance would have been given to others less fortunate than he and much of his time spent in their service. During his life he practiced with faith and fidelity the doctrines that he expounded from the pulpit, his life an inspiration to those in doubt, a revelation to those who thought they believed. During the Civil War Rev. David S. Kennedy was sent to the front by the Christian Commission as a chaplain-at-large, visiting the camps and hospitals and in all ways doing all of the good possible. His services were recognized by his admission to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic.

He married Nancy W. Kelly, born near Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, in 1838, now a resident of Oak Park, Illinois, who was with him a student in Westminster College, graduating in the same year, 1858. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Moore) Kelly, her father an early resident of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, owning land which is the present site of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. Here his death occurred when he was but a young man, his wife attaining the age of eighty-three years. Children of John and Elizabeth (Moore) Kelly: 1. John, a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War, now deceased, his home having been in Kansas. 2. Archie, died young. 3. Nancy W., of previous mention, married Rev. David S. Kennedy. 4. Mary, married Rev. Anderson, a minister of the United Presbyterian Church, located for a time at College Springs, Iowa. 5. Lydia, was twice married, her second husband being Samuel Trimble, and died at College Springs, Iowa, at an advanced age. Children of Rev. David S. and Nancy W. (Kelly) Kennedy: 1. Sadie E., married T. C. Hare, a member of the old Pittsburgh firm of T. Hare & Son, and resides in Oak Park, Illinois, her husband deceased. 2. Belle, died unmarried in 1891, was a mission worker in Chicago, Illinois. 3. Harry, until recently general superintendent of a United States Steel Company blast furnace at Clairton, Pennsylvania, now general manager of a wagon manufacturing plant at DeKalb, Illinois. 4. Reid, of whom further. 5. Archie G., of DeKalb, Illinois, judge of the court of claims, to which position he was appointed by Governor Dineen. 6. Minnie, died in 1899, unmarried. 7. Matilda, unmarried, lives with her mother. 8. James, died in 1879, in boyhood. 9. Annie, married Dr. James Kleinschmid, and resides in Aledo, Illinois. 10. Thomas W., in partnership with his brother, Judge Archie G. Kennedy, a real estate dealer of DeKalb, Illinois.

(III) Reid Kennedy, son of Rev. David S. and Nancy W. (Kelly) Kennedy, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, January 14, 1865. He was educated in Westminster College, from which institution he was graduated in 1889. He had earned his college tuition and expenses by working in the steel mills of Homestead, and after his graduation he became a roller in the Armor Plate Mills, continuing thus for three years,

then beginning real estate dealing. He contracted numerous other connections and this feature of his business life was gradually relegated to the background, the importance of his newer associations being much greater. Mr. Kennedy was one of the organizers of the Homestead National Bank, of which he later became president, and upon the organization of the Monongahela Trust Company in 1901 became its president, a position he has held to the present time. At about the same time Mr. Kennedy became associaed with Mr. W. M. Henderson in the Henderson Coal Company, his present position in the concern being that of secretary, the company's offices being in the Commonwealth Building of Pittsburgh. He is also secretary and treasurer of the Orient Coke Company, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Kennedy is the owner of considerable real estate in Homestead, and is occasionally a party to transactions along this line, although his other business interests prevent his giving it his entire attention.

His political belief is Republican, and for one term he served as burgess of Homestead. His interest in local affairs is strong and active, and in any project of civic improvement his support is always enthusiastically given. Mr. Kennedy is one of Homestead's successful business men, and he has risen to his position of responsibility and honor through innate qualities of determination and persistent courage, qualities that made their appearance in the gratification of his desire for a college education and that have made their influence felt throughout the latter years of his life. He possesses a wide circle of business and social friends, in whose regard he has an assured place.

Mr. Kennedy married, in December, 1901, Martha A., daughter of Lowrey West. She is a descendant of Colonel Alexander Lowrey, born in county Donegal, Ireland, in 1723, who came to America with his parents when six years of age and was reared at Donegal, Pennsylvania. He traded extensively with the Indians of the locality and became one of the seventeen largest land owners in the colony. In 1758 he was one of General Forbes' guides on that officer's march to Fort Duquesne and was also the guide of Colonel Bouquet's force five years later. He narrowly escaped death in the massacre at Bushy Run, in 1762, living a most strenuous life during Revolutionary times because of his activity in behalf of the American cause, and on September 10, 1777, was in command of the Lancaster county militia at the battle of Brandywine. He was a member of the convention which in 1776 framed the first constitution of the state of Pennsylvania, and for several years was a member of the general assembly, serving as senator for one term. In 1790 he was appointed a justice of the peace by Governor Mifflin, filling that position until his death, January 30, 1805. About the middle of the eighteenth century Colonel Lowrey built a stone house upon his three hundred and ninety-one acre estate near Marietta, in Lancaster county, which was known as Locust Grove and which is still in the possession of his descendants.

Mary Lowrey, daughter of Colonel Alexander Lowrey, married (first) Matthew Hay, and moved to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, prior to 1800, settling on land overlooking the Monongahela, a part of which is now occupied by the borough of Homestead. After the death of her first husband she married again, her second husband being Joseph West, a slave owner of Pennsylvania, their home continuing on the farm in Allegheny county. Mary (Lowrey) West died and was buried in the old Lebanon Cemetery in Mifflin township, Joseph West married again, his second wife being Katherine Whittaker, and upon his death he was buried in the Franklin graveyard. Children of Joseph and Mary (Lowrey) West: 1. Alexander, sold his share of the homestead to his brothers, Joseph and Matthew, and moved to Illinois, his death occurring on his farm on the Wabash river. 2. Edward, disposed of his share of the home property in the same manner as did his brother, Alexander, and moved to Illinois, purchased a farm adjoining that of his brother, where he died. 3. Joseph, of whom further. 4. Matthew, a farmer on part of the homestead, engaged in mercantile dealings in partnership with a Mr. Willock, an association that was later discontinued, after which Matthew West returned to farming and was so engaged at his death.

Joseph (*2*) West, son of Joseph (1) and Mary (Lowrey) West, was a farmer on part of the old homestead, and there died about 1872. He established a brickyard on the river near Brown's Station, and was its proprietor for about twenty years. He married Sallie, a sister of his father's wife, and had children: 1. Martha, married Simpson Walker, and died in Washington, District of Columbia. 2. Sarah, married Joseph Morrell, and died in Winona, Minnesota. 3. Margaret, married Thomas Potter, and died on the old homestead. 4. Mary Ann, married Joseph Tuttle, and died in Pittsburgh. 5. Lowrey, father of Martha A. West, of previous mention. 6. Aaron, a physician, died in Illinois. 7. Edward, a river captain, died in Homestead, Pennsylvania. 8. Alexander, a bricklayer, died in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 9. Matthew, a retired farmer, died in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. 10. Joseph, died in young manhood.

BOYLE

Many of this name have come to the United States, and in the Colonial period they were to be found in the various settlements. The family under discussion here came to this country at a more recent date, and have already shown their worth as law-abiding citizens.

(I) John Boyle, who was born in Ireland, came to America while he was still young. He located in Erie county, Pennsylvania, and was employed on the railway.

(II) Robert Boyle, son of John Boyle, was born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, and received his education in the public schools of Cambria county, Pennsylvania. In Cambria county he engaged as a school teacher at an early age, and in 1850 commenced the manufacture of charcoal, with

which industry he was identified three years. He then removed to Johnstown, and was connected with the Cambria Iron Company until his death. He married Sarah Sproul, born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Andrew and Nancy (Ripley) Sproul, both Americans by birth, who early made their home in Cambria county, where he was a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle had children: Allen Laughlin, who was in active service during the Civil War; Andrew J., of further mention; William; Eliza Jane, deceased; Mary Ann; David; Oliver; Sarah Catherine; Charles; Ginevra, deceased; Susan; Phoebe; George; John; Robert.

(III) Andrew J. Boyle, son of Robert and Sarah (Sproul) Boyle, was born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, February 12, 1846. His education was acquired in the public schools of Cambria county, and at an early age he commenced to work at the blast furnaces, his duty being to carry water. At the age of thirteen years he was engaged there permanently during the summer months, but was able to attend the schools during the winter. He then went to Johnstown, and when his elder brother joined the Union army he took his place in the finishing department. He was employed there until the new mills were built, when he went to "rolls," where he remained until the big strike. He then went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he worked three months in the Crondelett Works, an iron mill, and at the expiration of that time returned to Johnstown and cut ice during that winter. In 1874 he went to Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and was active in the construction work of the Edgar Thompson Steel Mills, and when these were completed became a roller there. After the death of Captain Jones, C. H. Schwab became general manager, and appointed Mr. Boyle to the position of night superintendent. Mr. Boyle filled this efficiently until 1909. In 1906 the company sent Mr. Boyle and his wife on a pleasure trip to Europe, and in 1909 he retired from active work. He built an excellent house about 1903 on Belle avenue, North Braddock, and is still living in it. He served as a member of the board of school directors for a period of thirteen years, and as a member of the common council of Braddock for three years. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Workmen of the World.

Mr. Boyle married, in 1867, Jennie Kuntz, and they have had children: Lula May, Ida Ann, Emma Viola, Minnie May, Charles Frederick, Jennie, James Franklin, Effie Gertrude, Alverta Pearl, Edgar F., Elmer N.

ADAMS

The name of Adams is one which has gained distinction in this country as well as in England and Ireland, from which it was brought here originally. There is no doubt that all bearing the name have had a common origin, some branches of the original family being established here in the early Colonial days, others coming at various other periods, but all have proved their worth and the possession of sterling qualities which have rendered them desirable citizens.

James Adams was born in Ireland, and emigrated to America in his youth. He married Mary Oxley, a native of Pittsburgh, whose father was a Frenchman, and whose mother was born in Ireland. They were early residents of Pittsburgh.

George Adams, son of James and Mary (Oxley) Adams, was born on Pike street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1854, died in 1895. He received his education in the public schools of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, then learned the trade of stove molding, with which he was identified until his death. He married, January 6, 1881, Hannah Brophy, born in Ireland, a daughter of Michael and Catherine (Henebry) Brophy, both natives of Ireland, the former a shoemaker, and granddaughter of John and Catherine (Size) Brophy; Mrs. Adams came to the United States in 1865. She is a woman of much energy and determination, and erected two fine houses on the site of the one she had occupied while her husband was still living. Mr. and Mrs. Adams had children: James W., living with his mother; John A. and Charles F., both deceased.

HERBEL

Henry Herbel was born in Prussia, Germany, where he grew to maturity and married. In 1849, with his wife, Philomena, and his children, he emigrated to the United States, and settled near Sligo, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there found employment in the glass works. He was industrious and economical, and when he had amassed a sufficient capital, he purchased a farm in Sack county, Wisconsin, where the remainder of his life was spent, and where he and his wife are buried. He was a staunch Republican, and he and his wife were devout members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of children as follows: John George, of further mention; Emma, who married Jacob Able, died young; Henry, who was a farmer in Marion, Indiana, is also deceased; Conrad, a farmer of Marion, Indiana, now deceased; Kate, married Henry Black, and died in Wisconsin.

John George Herbel, son of Henry and Philomena Herbel, was the eldest child of his parents, and was born January 29, 1831. His school education was acquired in his native country, and he was about eighteen years of age when he arrived in America. He had served his apprenticeship as a tailor, and engaged in this occupation in this country, with a very satisfactory amount of success. For the greater part his work was custom trade in and around Pittsburgh. Politically he was a strong Republican, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was also a member of a Pittsburgh Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; and of the Knights of Honor. His death occurred August 7, 1883. Mr. Herbel married, in 1852, Margaret Buck, born in Bavaria, Germany, December 24, 1833, and came to America with her parents when she was twelve years of age. About a year after the death of her husband she purchased a house on Dixon street, Homestead, and lived in it until 1907, when she removed to No. 543 Ninth avenue, where she lives at the present

time. She was originally a Lutheran, but became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church about forty-six years ago, and has been unswerving in her allegiance to this denomination since that time. Mr. and Mrs. Herbel had children: Lewis, who was a planing mill man, died in Pittsburgh, leaving five children; Caroline, married David Hafer, has twelve children, and lives in Denver, Colorado; August, died in boyhood; Henry, died in boyhood; Frederick, a mill worker, lives in Homeville; William, deceased, was a mill worker, lived in Homeville; Ida, died in infancy; George, assistant superintendent of a steel mill, lives in Homeville.

Frederick Buck, father of Mrs. Herbel, was a native of Bavaria, Germany, and married Bertha, a native of the same section, who died in 1842; he came to this country in 1845, with six of his children, and settled at Sligo, Pennsylvania. The sons found work in a glass concern, but Mr. Buck lived retired, and died 1853, and is buried in the old Allegheny Cemetery. He was of the Lutheran denomination. He had children: Maggie, who died unmarried in Germany; Thomas, a blacksmith, died in Germany; Katherine, married Justus Walter, and died in Homestead, Pennsylvania; Christian, a farmer, died in Ohio; Annie, married John Broadright, and died in Homestead; Coona, married John Reever, and died in Ohio; Frederick, now retired, lives in Homestead; Margaret, who married Mr. Herbel.

LIPPERT

George Lippert, of McKeesport, is a self-made man in the best sense of the word, having begun his career without capital or influential friends, with nothing to aid him but the determination to succeed, and at the present time (1914) he is owner of considerable property in McKeesport and is ranked among her representative citizens.

Michael Lippert, father of George Lippert, was a native of Germany, where he was reared and educated and also spent his entire lifetime, his death occurring there in 1900, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years. His wife, Gertrude (Miller) Lippert, also a native of Germany, who died in 1913, aged eighty-three years, bore him five children, all of whom are living at the present time: Edward; Leonard, emigrated to the United States; George, of whom further; John, emigrated to the United States; Sophia.

George Lippert was born in Germany, January 8, 1867. He attended the school in the vicinity of his home, acquiring a practical education, and in 1883, at the age of sixteen years, emigrated to the United States and located in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, in which city he has since resided, being well and favorably known in the community in which he resides. He secured employment in the W. Dewees Wood Iron Company, with which concern he was identified for seventeen years, and in 1900, at the expiration of that period of time, became the proprietor of the Lake Erie Hotel, located at Nos. 406-408 Walnut avenue, McKeesport, also becoming

George Lippert

the owner of the property, and has since conducted the same in a successful manner, the patronage steadily increasing, owing to the fact that everything is done for the comfort and pleasure of the patrons, the rooms are neat and cheerful in appearance, and the table is supplied with the best the markets afford. Mr. Lippert is one of the organizers and directors of the Mutual Union Brewery Company of Aliquippa, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, one of the leading industries of that place. He is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, and a staunch adherent of the Republican party, but has never sought or held public office, preferring to devote his entire time to his business pursuits. He is a man of substance and influence, and is held in high esteem by all who are brought in contact with him, either in public or private life. Mr. Lippert is a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, McKeesport Lodge, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Loyal Order of Moose, also a member of the local Turn Verein.

Mr. Lippert married, in 1888, Annie Weil, born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daughter of Ludwig and Mary Weil, both of whom are now deceased. They are the parents of three children, all living at the present time (1914): Mary Elizabeth, Leonard, George.

BALL

Arthur Ball is one of a family which represents the best type of English character, which, from the earliest days of Colonial history, has formed the solid foundation of the American citizenship, and upon which, today, we are erecting securely the amazing fabric of a population the most composite the world has ever known.

Thomas Ball, father of Arthur Ball, was a native of Staffordshire, England. He began life as a miner in the coal deposits of his native region, and through sheer force of character and native ability, worked himself into the position of prominence in the adopted community across the sea. He soon rose from the rank of miner to be a foreman in the English mines, and in the year 1879 he came to the United States and settled in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His first employment in this country was in the great steel works, the industry which has done so much to render the Pennsylvania city famous, but later he returned to his old occupation of coal mining at Banksville, Pennsylvania. He made this change about 1892, and it was not long before the skill derived from natural ability and long experience drew the attention of his superiors to him and he was once more given the position of foreman. But Mr. Ball was not content to remain employed in the service of others. His fertile brain was ever on the outlook for an opportunity to embark upon an independent enterprise, and it was not a great while before the occasion offered. In 1906 he was the prime organizer of the Builders' Supply Company, and since that time has been actively engaged in managing this very flourishing business. He was the company's first president and has remained in that capacity ever since. To the original venture was later added a retail coal business, and the whole

enterprise has prospered greatly and now employs twenty men in its service. But Mr. Ball has not by any means confined his energies to the conduct of his personal affairs. For a time he was a resident in Hays, Pennsylvania, and while there took an active part in the local politics. He is a member of the Republican party and on that ticket was elected a member of the first borough council of Hays, and became its first president. Since 1904 he has lived in Dravosburg, Pennsylvania. He is a member of the local lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, and of the Knights of Pythias. He married, while in England, Charlotte Burroughs, also a native of Staffordshire, and by her had ten children, as follows: Edward, now a resident of Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, where he is engaged in the insurance business; Rachel, deceased, became Mrs. Frederick W. Simmons, and died February, 1908; Sadie, unmarried, a teacher at West Homestead, Pennsylvania; Arthur, of whom further; Lottie, a school teacher, died at the age of twenty years; a child who died in infancy; Bertha, a musician, performer upon the piano and organ and a teacher of her art, lives at home with her parents; a child who died in infancy; Clifford, employed by a feed company and lives at home with his parents; Albert, who resides with his parents and is employed in his father's business.

Arthur Ball, fourth child of Thomas and Charlotte (Burroughs) Ball, was born February 25, 1879, in Staffordshire, England. His parents emigrated to the United States, however, in the same year as his birth, and it thus happened that his earliest associations are with the state of Pennsylvania in that picturesque region lying beyond the Allegheny Mountains. He received his education in the public schools of Banksville, Pennsylvania, and at an early age commenced work with his father in the collieries of that locality. During the time he was so employed he continued his studies, attending night school, a task which, considering the difficult nature of the work in the mines, must call for unqualified admiration. In the night school he applied himself diligently to the study of stenography, and later of bookkeeping. In 1907, as a result of these efforts, he secured a position with the Mercantile Trust Company of Pittsburgh, with which concern he remained five years, learning much that was to be of use to him in later years, of the conduct of the business of large financial institutions. He then accepted the offer of a better position with the Monongahela Trust Company of Homestead, Pennsylvania, and made his home in that city for a year. The skill which he displayed in the performance of his duties in these concerns did not pass unnoticed, and it was in 1904 that the Hays National Bank of Hays, Pennsylvania, offered him the position of cashier. This offer Mr. Ball at once accepted, and he has held the office ever since to the entire satisfaction of the management and the great advantage to the business. Some idea of the increase in the volume of business done by the bank since Mr. Ball became its cashier, an increase with which his skill and capability has had much to do, may be gained from the fact that at the beginning of the period the deposits of the bank amounted to $47,000,

while in the year 1913 they had grown to the sum of $174,000. When he accepted the position with the Hays concern, Mr. Ball removed his residence to that town, and has there made his home ever since.

Besides his connection with the bank he has been made a director of the Builders' Supply Company, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, of which his father is the president, and at one time he filled the office of treasurer to the same concern. Notwithstanding the great demands which his business and financial associations make upon his time and attention, he gives generously of both to the life of his community in its various aspects. He is a member of the Republican party, and takes an active part in local politics and the conduct of his community's affairs. His skill and experience in financial matters fit him for many difficult positions in the gift of the town, nor has he held back from accepting them. Just at present he is serving his fellow citizens in the capacity of borough treasurer, and as treasurer of the school district. He also occupies a prominent place in social and fraternal circles in his town, being a member of the local Masonic Lodge, the Knights of Pythias, and the Knights of Malta.

Mr. Ball married, October 14, 1909, Bertha Olive May, a native of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Ball is a daughter of Albert and Jennie (McKarney) May, of Sulphur Springs, Bedford county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Ball are the parents of one child, Charlotte May, born November 29, 1910. Mr. Ball is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while Mrs. Ball belongs to the Christian Church.

HOLOSNYAY

The Rev. Father Holosnyay is a member of a race which, although it has been represented in the past by a comparatively small element in the composite population of the United States, has of recent years contributed a large and valuable addition to the formation of what in years to come will be the American race. The Kingdom of Hungary lies in a part of Europe, perhaps the least well known to the average American, a region, indeed, of which the very names sound to our ears like gates to the land of romance, the abode of Prince Florizel and his care-free crew. But despite this thoughtless impression, it is doubtful if there could be found in the world today a more practical and capable people than that of Hungary. The history of the land has been one long record of struggle for independence and recognition against powerful and oppressive neighbors, during the course of which their purpose has been accomplished and a wholesome respect for their ancient rights and privileges been impressed upon all with whom they came in contact. Today the Hungarians are chiefly engaged in that basic industry, agriculture, and it is safe to assert that they are the equal of any farmers in the world in the practical use they make of their land, and the high percentage of return they secure to the given area.

Father Holosnyay, son of Antonio and Emelia Holosnyay, was born March 28, 1867, at Ungvar, Hungary, and here received his education.

His family had always belonged to the Greek Catholic Church, and he, being of a strongly religious nature, it was decided that his studies should be of such kind as to prepare him for the priesthood. Accordingly his education was pursued with this end in view, and in 1892 he was ordained a priest. For about seven years thereafter he spent his time ministering to the spiritual needs of the people of his own land, but in the year 1900 he received a call from the United States, and to this new field of duty he at once repaired. Father Holosnyay arrived in the United States just at the opening of the twentieth century, and made the year an important anniversary in the history of the Greek Catholic Church in Pennsylvania by organizing the first congregation of the kind at Homestead, Allegheny county, in that state. Going to that city at once, upon reaching this country, he accomplished this work, the members of his little flock consisting of the hundred families, more or less, who shared his faith in the city of Homestead. In a very short time the Church of St. John the Baptist was erected on Third avenue. This first building was very small but served the purposes of the congregation for about five years, when it became apparent that a larger building would be required. In the year 1905 a site on Dixon street between Eighth and Ninth avenues was chosen and the present beautiful church and parsonage were erected. The buildings are both in the Byzantine style of architecture, characteristic of the Greek Catholic churches the world over, and as usual with this style the detail is most ornate. The interior particularly is very elaborately and beautifully decorated, being truly a monument to the artistic skill and taste of the designer and those who carried out his conception, and the whole church is a worthy place of worship for the devout congregation, which now numbers some five hundred families. Under the intelligent and efficient management of Father Holosnyay, the parish has not only grown numerically, but is a thriving, active religious center, holding out high promise of future development. Besides his firmly established place in the hearts of his congregation, and the good work he is doing in the home parish, Father Holosnyay is a conspicuous figure in the more general organization of the Greek Catholic Church in America, and holds the office of director in the Greek Catholic Union of America, which has its headquarters in Homestead.

Father Holosnyay is a naturalized American citizen, votes the Republican ticket, is keenly interested in the questions of politics of the day and hour, both those of local and national significance, but most especially has he become wrapped up in the work that he is doing as priest here so far away from his native land, among those of his own faith and race, who have come to this far western republic to modify and enrich with their character, customs, traditions and religion, its evolving life. Father Holosnyay, himself, is a fine example of the type of man which these produce, earnest in his work, highly educated, possessing that genial courtesy which is well nigh the definition of the gentleman, and with an open heart for all men, even strangers, which is one of the last and best fruits of religion.

In the formation of the Greek Catholic diocese of the United States of America, Father Holosnyay took a great part and for these worthy services he received from his bishop the title of canon; and has been chosen as one of the bishop's consultors and nominated as a deacon in Homestead district.

WAGNER

The name of Wagner is identified with many enterprises of importance in this country, as well as in Germany, from which land the family came. The various members of the family have always, when occasion demanded, shown their worth as devoted and patriotic citizens.

Henry Wagner, who lived and died in Germany, was the father of Henry Wagner, who was born near the river Rhine, Germany, and died in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, at the age of eighty-two years. He came to the United States in early boyhood and located at Sharpsburg, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, later removing to Allegheny, in both places following his occupation of shoemaking. He married Mary Elizabeth Shide, born in Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Shide, both natives of Germany, who came to America and located in Sharpsburg, where he was a carpenter and gardener, and where his death occurred.

Henry J. Wagner, son of Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Shide) Wagner, was born in Allegheny City, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 26, 1864. He was educated in the parochial schools of his native city, and upon the completion of his studies, entered the employ of the Erie Ice Company, of Allegheny, and Chautauqua Lake Ice Company, and is now secretary and treasurer of the Diamond Ice Company, of Braddock, Pennsylvania. He is an active and progressive man, and is at the present time a member of the Board of Health of Braddock, Pennsylvania. He is a devout member of the Catholic Church, to which he is a liberal contributor, and he is also a member of the following named organizations: Knights of Columbus, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, Knights of St. George, Knights of the Maccabees, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Mr. Wagner married, in 1888, Catherine Mary Elizabeth Heyle, of Allegheny City, and they have had children: Mary E., Joseph H., Edwin M., Gertrude M., Lucy M., Agnes M., Catherine M.

BUTLER

The name of Butler is well known in the United States. Researches in Great Britain claim the descent from the famous Duke of Ormond, who was lord lieutenant of Ireland. His descendants are numerous in various portions of Great Britain. No definite connection between this family and the one under discussion here can be established, but it is a reasonable supposition that they came of this well known stock.

James Butler, born in Ireland, came to America about 1880, in order to establish a home for his family who were to follow later. He located at Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he found occupation

as a furnace man in a steel mill, and died there about 1886. He married Mary Shehan, who came to America with the children in 1881, and died about 1888. They had four sons: 1. Edward. 2. Richard J., of whom further. 3. John. 4. Peter, married Laura Joyce, and they have three children: Laura, Lawrence, deceased, and an infant not named. All the members of this family belonged to St. Thomas' Catholic Church.

Richard J. Butler was born in Ireland, April 11, 1877. He was about four years of age when brought to this country by his mother, and he had but few educational advantages, these being acquired at the parochial schools of Braddock. At the early age of nine years he commenced the active work of life by carrying water to the blast furnace, and from this employment he gradually worked up to the position of a furnace man, and later became foreman, a position he retained until 1900, when he resigned in order to establish himself in the hotel business, with which he is still identified on Braddock avenue. He is a member of St. Thomas' Roman Catholic Church, and of the following organizations: Fraternal Order of Eagles, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Turner Club and the Braddock Social Club. Mr. Butler married, in 1896, Mary McCarthy, and they have had children: Edward A., Joseph, Helen, Richard, James.

BRENNAN

The name of Brennan, or Branin, as it is sometimes spelled, has been known in Ireland for many generations, and the possessors of this honored name have their full share of that versatility and mother wit for which the sons of the Emerald Isle are so justly noted.

(I) Thomas Brennan was a farmer in Ireland, and emigrated from that country to America. Later he returned to his native land and died there. He married Mary, a daughter of James and Ann (McDonald) Henry, also natives of Ireland, who emigrated to America, and made their home at Parkersburg, West Virginia, where he followed his occupation as a stone mason.

(II) John Brennan, son of Thomas and Mary (Henry) Brennan, was born in Ireland, educated there, and became a skilled florist while in the employ of the Duke of Hampshire. He emigrated to America in 1881 or 1882, and made his home at Oakland, now the Fourteenth Ward of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He established himself in business as a florist, with which he was successfully identified until his death. He married Mary Gallagher, and they had four sons and three daughters: 1. Martin, deceased. 2. Thomas. 3. Ellen, married W. L. Elford, and has children: John, Mary, Eleanor, Anita, William. 4. James P., of whom further. 5. Patrick J., married (first) Mary Boyle, one child, Mary; Mrs. Brennan died and he married (second) Minnie Rosetta. 6. Bessie, deceased; married M. J. Clochhloska. 7. Mary, deceased.

(III) James P. Brennan, son of John and Mary (Gallagher) Brennan,

William Sherwin

was born in Ireland, October 16, 1868. His earlier education was received in Ireland, and it was completed in the public schools of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was occupied in various ways until he had attained an age when he could become a member of the police force of Pittsburgh, was then appointed, and served for a period of six years. He then decided to establish himself in the hotel business, and he did this about 1894 at No. 309 Thirteenth street, Braddock, Pennsylvania, at which place he is still located. His hotel is conducted along up-to-date lines, and is one of the finest of its kind and size in the section. Mr. Brennan is also an extensive real estate dealer, in which line of business he has also been eminently successful. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum, and he and his family are members of St. Thomas' Catholic Church. Mr. Brennan married, in 1903, Mary Forsythe, and they have had children: John, William, Howard, Mary Margaret, Robert, Betty, Paul.

SHERWIN

The Sherwin family has been ably represented in this country for several generations, and they have freely given their services in defense of the country of their adoption.

John Sherwin, the first of this branch of the well known Sherwin family of England to come to this country, was born in Dunton, England, where he lived many years, died in Braddock, Pennsylvania, September 19, 1899, and is buried in the Versailles Cemetery, at McKeesport. He emigrated to America in 1844, bringing his family with him, and settled in Wilkinsburg, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Later he removed to Lorain county, Ohio, lived there for three years, and owned a farm there, and another across the line in Lucas county, Ohio. In 1853 he returned to Pennsylvania, and settled on Alcott avenue, Braddock, later removing to Braddock avenue, where he built a house in 1860. This house stood there until 1892, when the business section of the city having encroached upon this property, he had the house removed to the back of the lot, facing Wood Way, and it is there at the present time. Mr. Sherwin followed his trade of tailoring until his death. He married Hannah Ford, who died in Braddock, January 31, 1882, and is buried beside her husband. They had children: William, of further mention; Mary, widow of Robert Bates, lives in Youngstown, Ohio; John, died in Braddock; Hannah, widow of George Van Horn, lives in Edgewood; Elizabeth, married Joseph Jamison, and lives in Butler county, Pennsylvania; George, died at the age of thirty-six years; Sarah, married John Orr, and lives in Braddock; Charlotte, married John Alexander, and lives in Plainview, Texas; Samuel, died in infancy.

William Sherwin, son of John and Hannah (Ford) Sherwin, was born in Leicestershire, England, May 4, 1844, died in Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He was an infant when brought to this country by his parents, and was the only child of his parents born in England. After completing his education, he worked in the mines in various capacities for a number of years, and was then engaged in teaming for a time. Later he

became a merchant in Braddock, with which line of business he was connected until October, 1882, when he retired from business life. During the Civil War he served in Company M, Fourth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, his term being of six months' duration near the close of the war. He was very active in local political matters in the interests of the Republican party, served two years as a burgess, and for a number of years as a member of the school board and the common council. He and his wife were members of the United Brethren Church. In 1866 he became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was still affiliated with it at the time of his death.

Mr. Sherwin married (first) in 1867, Ann, born in England, died in 1902, a daughter of John and Hester (Turner) Bates, the former coming to America in 1874, the latter died in England. They had children: Hannah, married Charles Jones, both died in Braddock; William, who came to America in 1867, lives in Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Robert, now deceased, married Mary Sherwin; Mary, who came to America in 1860, married Ozro Wilkison, both now deceased; Ann, mentioned above; Rebecca, married Edward White, and died in England; Martha, who became the second wife of Mr. Sherwin; John Turner, who came to America in 1874, lives in Allison Park, Pennsylvania. Mr. Sherwin married (second) in 1903, Martha, a sister of his first wife. There are no children by second marriage. By the first marriage there were: William Turner, an engineer by profession, married Mildred Barr, and has: May B., who married A. J. Pancook, and William Everett; Hannah, lives in Braddock, married William Stringer, has children: Robert, Albert and George; John W., lives in Braddock, is a draughtsman, married Victoria De Nardo; George, a bookkeeper, lives in Monessen, married Charlotte Williams, and has a daughter, Charlotte G.; Robert, a bookkeeper, married Mary Major, has children: Robert, George, Martha, William, and lives in Monessen.

DIEHL

Some branches of the Diehl family have been represented in this country for many generations, and they have all brought with them from their native land of Germany, and transmitted to their descendants, those habits of thrift, industry and integrity which are so characteristic of the natives of that country.

Peter Diehl was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and emigrated to the United States in the early part of the nineteenth century. He settled at Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and there engaged in farming. Thrifty, economical and industrious, his savings soon amounted to a considerable little capital, and he then settled in Pittsburgh, and later in Butler county on a farm. He later took a position in the iron mill of Jones & Laughlin, in Pittsburgh, but had only held this a few days when he suddenly died. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the German Protestant Church. He married Mary —— and of their two children, Philip was killed in an accident, on South Side, when about fifty or fifty-five years of age, and Adam, of whom further.

Adam Diehl was born at Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, August 17, 1837, died December 3, 1908. His entire attendance at schools consisted of three days spent there, and he is in the truest sense of the word a self-educated man. Naturally of an ambitious and energetic nature, he overcame the obstacles which lay in his path to an education in his early youth, and at the time of his death was one of the best read men in his section, well informed on all important questions of the day, and a more than ordinarily fine mathematician. About 1874 he opened a grocery store at Fourteenth and Carson streets, but shortly afterward removed to Sarah street, where he conducted a grocery and a feed store near to each other, and was personally identified with these until he retired from business in 1893. In 1899 he purchased one and three-quarter acres in Baldwin township, on Brownsville road, now Carrick borough, and there his death occurred. He was a leader in the organization of Carrick borough, and was elected its first burgess. He was a director of the Birmingham Fire Insurance Company; director and treasurer of the Keystone Brewery; treasurer of the local lodge, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; treasurer of the Masonic Mutual Association. He was a member of the German Evangelical Church, of which he was treasurer upwards of thirty years, and of which his wife is a member, and he was chiefly instrumental in making the purchase of the German Evangelical Cemetery in Carrick borough.

Mr. Diehl married, April 2, 1856, Philippina Sutter, born in Germany, March 30, 1841, and brought to this country by her parents the following year. She is the daughter of Peter and Philippina (Doeckler) Sutter, the former a shoemaker all his life. Both were born in Germany, died on South Side, and are buried in the German Evangelical Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Diehl became the parents of children as follows: Amelia, married W. H. Shaffer, and lives in Carrick; Philip, died in infancy; George, a gold mine operator, lives in Carrick; Jacob, Caroline and Henry, died in infancy; Louis, a feed merchant, resides in Carrick; Matilda, married Lawrence Schaefer, and lives with her mother; Lillian, married Walter Hartman, and lives with her mother. At the time of the death of Mr. Diehl, the directors of the Birmingham Fire Insurance Company sent a morocco-bound memorial volume to the Diehl family, expressing their appreciation of the services of Mr. Diehl in his business life, and as a man, in civic and religious life. The family prizes this very highly, as it indicates the opinion held of him by his fellowmen, especially those with whom he had close business relations.

BURKMAN

To the country of Sweden we owe much of the early prosperity of this country, especially in the states of Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey, and to those who have come to the United States in more recent years, no less credit is due for the admirable qualities of industry, thrift and integrity which they have brought here.

Johannes Burkman spent his entire life in Sweden, and was engaged in conducting a general store. In later years he became the owner of a farm, which he cultivated with much success. He married Pamelia Johnson, also a native of Sweden, where her death occurred. They had children: Swan; August; John, of further mention; Alfred; Adolph; Augusta, lives in Sweden; Josephine, lives in Sweden; Hannah, deceased.

John Burkman was born in Sweden, May 1, 1860. He was educated in his native land, where he remained until he had attained his majority, then in 1881 he emigrated to the United States and made his way at once to Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he arrived May 8, and at once found employment in the Carnegie Steel Works, where he remained six years. He then established himself in the grocery business, with which he has been successfully identified since that time. Five years after establishing this business, he erected the brick building at the corner of Ninth and Washington streets. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, to which he is a liberal contributor, and is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Royal Arcanum; Swedish Society; Scandinavia Society of America, in which order he has been treasurer of the Supreme Lodge for the past twelve years. Mr. Burkman married, July 31, 1885, Lydia Peterson, of Sweden, and they have had children: Edgar, is in the employ of his father; Charles, a salesman, of North Braddock; Gertrude; Paul, attends high school; Elmer, attends the elementary public schools.

LOVETT

John Lovett was born, lived and died in Staffordshire, England, where he was occupied during the active years of his life as a laborer. He married Ruth Chatterton, and had children: Joseph, of further mention; Ralph, John, Sarah, Jane, Mary, Ellen.

Joseph Lovett, son of John and Ruth (Chatterton) Lovett, was born in Cheshire, England, September 9, 1840, died in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1911. He emigrated to America in 1869, settling at Sandy Creek, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he followed his occupation as a painter. Later he opened a wall paper store in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, this being the first store of this kind in the town, and conducted this with great success until his death, since which time his widow has been carrying on the business. Mr. Lovett married, in England, Nancy Howard, descendant of an old family, and had children: John H., born in England in 1862, married Maude Erwin; Ralph E., born in 1865; Charles, Benjamin, Walter, Harry, Emily, Lillian.

DORLEMAN

David Dorleman was born at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, October 20, 1828, died in Mount Oliver, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1913. His mother died when he was but five years of age and he was raised to maturity by an elder sister and his father. He served in the German army for a time, and remained in Germany until about 1860, when he emigrated to the United

States and settled in Pittsburgh, in the section then known as Riceville. He was a cabinet maker by trade, and followed this calling successfully until about 1873. In 1864 he had purchased two acres of land in what was then Lower St. Clair township, now Mount Oliver borough, and in 1873, when he abandoned cabinet making, he selected gardening as his future occupation, of which he had made a study for some time previously. He built one greenhouse, to commence with, and finding his methods successful almost beyond his expectations, he built another, etc., and was identified with this industry until his death. He and his wife were members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and he had at one time been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Dorleman married (first) ——, who died May 1, 1894, and he married (second) July 26, 1894, Mary (Nauman) Markman, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Flock) Nauman, natives of Germany, who came to America in 1860, settled in Pittsburgh, where Mrs. Dorleman was born in 1861. Mrs. Dorleman had married (first) in 1882, Nicholas Markman, who died June 23, 1887, and by this marriage there were children: Eleanora, married John Loadman, and has children: James, May and John; Ida, died in 1888 at the age of ten weeks.

MAYER

Mayer is a name of frequent occurrence in this country, and was mainly brought here from Germany, as well as the varied forms of spelling, such as Meyer, Myer, Myers, Maier, Meier, etc.

John Mayer was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, in 1800, where he learned the trade of shoemaking, a calling with which he was identified in Germany all his life. He and his wife were members of the Catholic Church. He married Barbara Kestler, also born in Wuerttemberg in 1800, and they had fifteen children, of whom the following named grew to maturity: Leonard, a priest of the Benedictine Order, died in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania; Wilhelmina, married George Hertzog, and died in Germany; Joseph, died in New York City in 1912; Fredericka, married John Hise, and died in Germany; Charles, who was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the Fifth United States Infantry, died while in the regular army; William, of further mention; Juliane, married a Mr. Waltz, and died in Germany.

William Mayer, son of John and Barbara (Kestler) Mayer, was born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, May 18, 1840. He received his education in the parochial schools of his native country. At the age of sixteen years he came to the United States, and completed his education at St. Vincent's College. He then engaged in the profession of teaching, the various fields in which he labored being as follows: Pine Creek, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania; Tonawanda, Erie county, New York; Richmond, Virginia; St. Joseph's School, Allegheny, Pennsylvania; Bloomfield School, in Pittsburgh; Temperanceville, Pennsylvania; St. Peter's School, South Side, Pittsburgh. In 1880 he came to Braddock, Pennsylvania, taught there for

some years, and played the organ in St. Joseph's Church for a number of years, resigning the position of organist in 1906. In 1883 he established himself in the saloon business, continuing this successfully until 1906, when he retired from active business life. Politically he is a Democrat, fraternally a Knight of St. George, and he and his wife are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

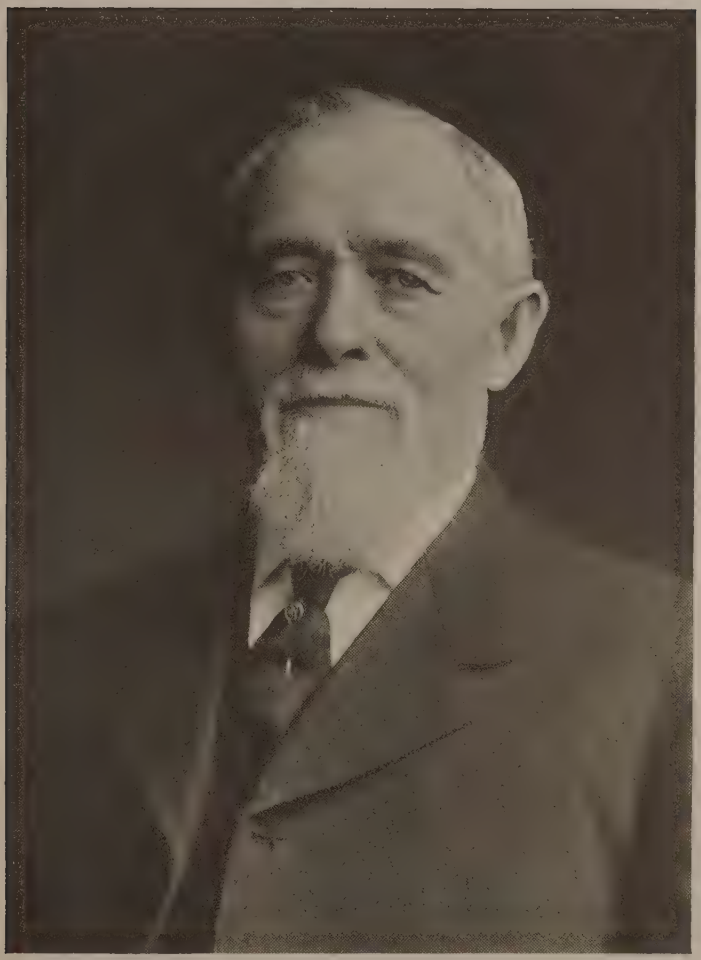
Mr. Mayer married, in 1865, Emma T. Passaquay, born at Niagara Falls, Niagara county, New York, September 8, 1846, died in 1909. She was a daughter of Felix and Melanie (Heinz) Passaquay, the former born in St. Louis, Missouri, of Spannish descent, the latter born in France, and they lived all of their married lives at Niagara Falls, where he was a well known and reliable guide, and conducted an art store. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer had children: William, a bandmaster, lives in Knoxville, Allegheny county, married Anna Beckman, children, Dr. William H., and Melanie, a school teacher; Mary, died in infancy; Joseph L., a musician, living in Braddock, married Elizabeth Loew, no children; Emma and Leonard, living with father; John, a noted flutist, also lives with his father; Felix, died at the age of two and a half years.

WIGMAN

This family has been represented in this country but a few generations, but they have beneficially influenced business in several directions, and their worth to the community has been shown.

John Henry Wigman was born in Hanover, Germany, and there he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, being the owner of a small farm. In 1846 he came to America, bringing some of his children with him, and there set to work to prepare a home for his wife and the others of the family. He located at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where he was a boatman on the Ohio river, and died during the cholera epidemic of those years. While still living in Germany, in addition to cultivating his farm, he had been accustomed to take charge of the mail service in his section during the winter months. He married Christina Mohrhoff, born in Prussia, Germany, died in Hanover, Germany, while her husband was in America. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. They had six children, three of whom died young in Germany. The others were: 1. William, of further mention. 2. George L., who came to America after the death of his mother, and was engaged in the grocery business for some years in Allegheny; later he removed to Pattersons Mills, Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he was also a grocer, and the postmaster of the town; he died there in 1905; he was the father of twelve children. 3. Wilhelmina, who died in Allegheny in 1895; married Henry Ahler, and had thirteen children, of whom five are now living.

William Wigman, son of John Henry and Christina (Mohrhoff) Wigman, was born in Hanover, Germany, August 6, 1832. He was educated in the public schools of his native land. He came to America in 1848, and for two summers worked in a brick yard, then learned the carpenter's trade,



William Wigman

which he followed for some time. In 1865, in association with James McMasters, Harry Gearing, Samuel Hamilton, George D. Sharp, Henry Winkle, William Hunter, D. F. Schuette and Frederick Baxmeyer, organized a corporation known as The Union Planing Mill, of which Mr. Wigman was manager until 1882, and then elected president, an office he held until the association was dissolved in 1895. This concern, which was located at No. 48 South Eighteenth street, started in a small way with a capital of $20,000, every member of the association being a carpenter with the exception of Mr. Baxmeyer. The business grew to large proportions, and when the town of Wilmerding was built, the Union Planing Mill Company did all the mill work for the Westinghouse Works. They made a specialty of shop work, and accomplished wonderful results in hardwood finishing materials. In 1895 Mr. Wigman purchased the mill yard from the company, which had then dissolved, tore down the mill, and erected a retail business on the corner of Eighteenth and Fox streets, the lot being one hundred and twenty by one hundred and ninety-two feet. He took his eldest son into partnership, and the concern was known as the Wigman Lumber Company, and is so known at the present time. In more recent years a small mill has been added as an adjunct to this large business. Mr. Wigman retired from the active personal conduct of affairs in 1909, and since then his son has had sole charge of affairs. He has lived in Carrick since 1906, and there has built a comfortable, buff brick house on the Boulevard. In political matters he has always been a staunch Republican, and has served as school director in the old Twenty-eighth ward. He and his wife both affiliated with the German Lutheran Church.

Mr. Wigman married, January 3, 1856, Caroline Logeman, born in Prussia, Germany, died August 27, 1907. She was a daughter of William and Margaret (Langhorst) Logeman, who came to America in 1847 and settled in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where he died of cholera in 1852, and his widow married (second) Frederick Baxmeyer, and died in Carrick. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Wigman were: Mary, died in infancy; Elizabeth; Wilhelmina; two sons and one daughter, died in infancy; a daughter; Annie, born January 30, 1861, died in Carrick, unmarried, February 1, 1908; William Henry, who succeeded his father in the lumber business, married Gwendolen Prosser, and has children, Dorothy and Donald; Harry F., a resident of Knoxville, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, is cashier of the People's Trust Company, and married Alma Hamm, and has had children: Ruth, James, Helen and Harry; Caroline, lives in Brookline, married Frederick Klinzing, and has daughters: Elizabeth and Annie; Edward, lives with his father in Carrick, is a traveling salesman for the lumber company, married Bertha Rattelman, and has children: Robert, Edward, Louise.

DENSMORE

This name is probably a variation of Dinsmore or Dinsmoor, the more common forms. It is among the noted Scotch-Irish families which have contributed many prominent citizens to Pennsylvania as well as to many other states.

(I) Robert Densmore was born in Scotland, and very shortly after his marriage emigrated to the United States, where all his children were born. He settled at Valley Furnace, and later moved to Fayette county, Pennsylvania, making his home at Fairchance, where he and his wife died and are buried. He married Hannah Glenn, also born in Scotland, and they had children: Nathaniel, died in Fairchance, many years ago; Elizabeth, married a Mr. Warman, and died in Fairchance; Samuel, is retired from business affairs, and lives in Youngstown, Ohio; Hughes Oliphant, of further mention.

(II) Hughes Oliphant Densmore, son of Robert and Hannah (Glenn) Densmore, was born in Fairchance, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1841. In his earlier years he was employed in a rolling mill in Pittsburgh, retaining this connection many years. He then became engineer in the power house of the H. C. Frick Company, at Fairchance, where he is still living. The Pittsburgh firm for whom he worked for thirty-eight years was Chess, Cook & Company. He is a Democrat, a member of the Knights of Pythias, and the Protected Home Circle, and he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Elizabeth, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Ryland) Goldsborough, who were both born in Maryland, but were early settlers in Fairchance, and who had children: Eliza, married Bard Abel, and lives in Fairchance; William, died in Fairchance; John, lives retired in Fairchance; Julia, now deceased, married John Wilson; Elizabeth, who married Mr. Densmore, as above stated; Margaret, married Frank Rogers, and died in Fairchance; Harriet, married Samuel Shinaberry, and died in Fairchance; Robert and Burton, died in Fairchance; George, a carpenter, resides in Fairchance; Ellen, died unmarried; and three others, whose names are not given. Mr. and Mrs. Densmore had nine children, of whom the following named attained maturity: Harry Thomas, of further mention; William, is a boss at the tube works, and lives in Carrick.

(III) Harry Thomas Densmore, son of Hughes Oliphant and Elizabeth (Goldsborough) Densmore, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1864, died in Carrick, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, August 4, 1912. He was educated in the public schools, and upon the completion of his education obtained a position in the same mill in which his father was working, and remained there sixteen years. He then entered the employ of the Carnegie Steel Company, at Homestead, becoming head clerk in the shipping department, and held this position until very shortly before his death. His residence, however, was at Carrick. He was an active worker in the interests of the Republican party, and was president of the board of health of Carrick at the time of his death. In 1901 he had built a fine house at No. 1035 Brownsville road, Carrick, and in this he was living when his death occurred. He was a member of the Protected Home Circle and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Densmore married, November 2, 1882, Sophia, born in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Benjamin and

Sarah (Hoffman) Vandergrift, and they had children: Benjamin, born June 19, 1885, is a draughtsman for the Westinghouse Company, and is unmarried; Elsie Elizabeth, also living with her mother.

(The Vandergrift Line.)

Jacob Vandergrift, a native of Holland, came from Amsterdam in that country, in 1664, and settled in New York City, where he lived and died. From him the Pennsylvania Vandergrifts are descended.

(I) Jacob Vandergrift, a lineal descendant of the immigrant ancestor, came to Pittsburgh, with his wife, from the eastern part of Pennsylvania, prior to 1800. He was a boat builder and constructed the first steamboat to go down the Ohio river. He resided on the North Side, and continued actively as a boat builder until his death. He married, in Philadelphia, Mary Hart, a granddaughter of John Hart, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

(II) William K. Vandergrift, son of Jacob and Mary (Hart) Vandergrift, was born on North Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1805, died at Oil City, Pennsylvania, February 18. 1877. He grew to maturity in his native city, then became associated with his father in the boat building business, from which, however, he retired rather early in life. He married Sophia Sarver, born on North Side, Pittsburgh, July 5, 1804, died at East End, Pittsburgh, June 19, 1895.

(III) Benjamin Vandergrift, son of William K. and Sophia (Sarver) Vandergrift, was born July 29, 1833, at South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, died November 5, 1862. He was a captain on a river boat, and died a year after his marriage from the effects of yellow fever, contracted while in the South. He married, December 25, 1861, Sarah Hoffman, born on South Side, Pittsburgh, September 30, 1841, died May 5, 1909. They had one child: Sophia, of further mention. Mrs. Vandergrift was a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Page) Hoffman, early residents of Pittsburgh, when South Side was all farm land. He was a machinist, and followed his calling until he was about fifty years of age. Mrs. Vandergrift married (second) Samuel Wheaton, who died in 1908, and by this marriage she had children: John, a river man living in Carrick, who married Mrs. Annie Garland; Joseph, also a river man, is unmarried, and lives in Carrick; Samuel, a river man, lives in Carrick, and married Margaret Riter; Grace, married Frederick Stone, and lives at Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

(IV) Sophia Vandergrift, only child of Benjamin and Sarah (Hoffman) Vandergrift, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 2, 1862, and in that city received her education. She is a woman of much public spirit and a natural grace and charm of manner, which endear her to all with whom she comes in contact. She married Harry Thomas Densmore. She and her children are members of the Society of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, she and her daughter are members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and her son is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Mrs. Densmore is also an active worker in church matters, and all affairs of a charitable nature, or which

further the welfare of the community in any manner, engages a share of her time, service and attention.

ROSE

The particular branch of the Rose family, under discussion here, has been in this country almost a century, greatly to the benefit of the numerous communities in which various members of the family have resided, where they have borne their share in the development and improvement of the section.

Thomas Rose, who was born in Northamptonshire, England, about 1811, was brought to America by his parents when he was about ten years of age. His earlier years in the United States were spent in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he learned the trade of shoemaking, which he followed there until about 1832. He then made his way to Pittsburgh, on foot, and as he was obliged to support himself by working at his trade while making this journey, progress was necessarily somewhat slow, and he spent two years en route. Upon his arrival in Pittsburgh he continued as a manufacturer of shoes until 1839, then opened a store near the market house, remaining in this business for a period of forty-seven years, at which time he was the oldest merchant in Pittsburgh. His death occurred in 1886 and he is buried in Homewood Cemetery. He was a Republican, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he had passed through all the chairs in the Masonic Fraternity. Mr. Rose married Amelia Glenn, of English descent, born in Rochester, New York, about 1811, and they had children: Elizabeth, married Frank Harland, and died in Brushton, Pennsylvania; Amelia, married John M. Buck, and died in Brushton; William, a shoe merchant, died in Braddock; James, a shoe merchant, died in Pittsburgh; Albert N., a shoe merchant, died at Mount Lebanon; Charlotta, widow of James Dean, lives in Brushton; Charles, of further mention; Alice, married Lawrence Sloan, and died in Bellevue; Emma, married James Taylor, lives in Brushton; Kate, married Samuel Gracey, and lives on the Allegheny river, a few miles from Pittsburgh; Margaret, a widow, lives in Brushton; Ida, died in childhood; Thomas H., lives in Brushton and is a clerk in the Homestead Steel Works.

Charles Rose, son of Thomas and Amelia (Glenn) Rose, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 8, 1849. He attended the public schools until the age of eleven years, when he commenced assisting his father in the shoe manufacturing business, and was thus occupied until 1881. In the meantime his brother William had died, and Charles Rose was sent to Braddock to take charge of the business which had been established there, at the corner of Ninth street and Braddock avenue. He remained in this locality six years, then moved the business across the street, where he has been successfully engaged since that time. He is now the oldest retail shoe dealer in the entire town. He gives his political support to the Republican party, and has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years, during this period serving once as trustee. In 1891 he built a commodious house at No. 419 Holland avenue, in which he still

resides. Mr. Rose married, in 1870, Annie A., born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, a daughter of John and Margaret Nugent, descended from old Scotch families, who came to America about 1850. Children: Charles Jr., died in infancy; William, in business with his father, lives in North Braddock, married Dora Bowser; Mildred, married Alfred A. Corey, and lives in Munhall; Ida Beatrice, married R. J. Mills, lives with Mr. Rose; Charles E., a dentist, living in North Braddock, married Mollie Lindenberg.

GORHAM

The Gorham family traces its genealogy back to the De Gorrams of La Tanniere near Gorham in Maine, on the borders of Brittany, where William, son of Ralph de Gorham, built a castle in 1128. During the reign of William the Conqueror several of the name moved to England, where many of them became men of learning, wealth and influence. From England various members of the family migrated to Ireland, and ultimately to America, in which country the name has an ancient and honorable record in many directions. It is not always possible to establish uninterrupted connection with earlier generations, but there is no reasonable doubt but that all bearing the name had a common origin.

Michael Gorham was born in county Galway, Ireland, where he became a boat builder, and spent his entire life. He married Barbara Gorham, and they had children: Matthias, a boat builder, who lived and died in Ireland; Valentine, a retired boat builder, now living in Ireland, county Galway; John Henry, of further mention; Richard, was also a boat builder, and died in Ireland; Patrick, who is employed in the steel works near Braddock, Pennsylvania, lives in Braddock Park.

John Henry Gorham, son of Michael and Barbara (Gorham) Gorham, was born in county Galway, Ireland, in 1845, died in Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, July 27, 1902. He was educated in the public schools of Ireland, where he assisted his father in the boat building business until the age of twenty-two years. Deciding that the United States afforded a better field for an ambitious, energetic young man to advance to prosperity, he then emigrated to this country, and located in Illinois, where he became a coal miner. He then followed various occupations until 1882, when he came to Braddock, Pennsylvania, and there opened a saloon, which he conducted successfully for a period of five years. Removing then to Braddock avenue, he built a hotel there at Nos. 18-20, and conducted this personally five years, when he sold out and was living retired from business at the time of his death. He was a Republican in political opinion, and he and his wife were members of St. Brendan's Church, later affiliating with St. Thomas'. He built a beautiful house at No. 101 Mills avenue, in which Mrs. Gorham has now been living for the past nineteen years. Mr. Gorham married, August 26, 1883, Johanna Hillgrove, born at Cresson, near Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and they had children: Michael, died in infancy; Barbara, lives with mother; Patrick, died in infancy; Mary, married James Keenan, has two children—Winifred and John—and lives in Braddock; John and Brendetta, died in infancy.

Luke Hillgrove, father of Mrs. Gorham, was born in county Cork, Ireland, died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 6, 1883. He came to America in 1847 in order to make a home here for his wife and family, and located in Cresson, where he lived some years, then removed to the Broad Top coal region, and finally to Pittsburgh, where his death occurred, and where he is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery. He was a coal digger by occupation. He married, in Ireland, Catherine Carroll, born in county Waterford, Ireland, came to America in December, 1849. She died April 4, 1892, aged eighty-four years. They had children: Henry, a soldier during the Civil War, was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness, returned to his home, and died soon thereafter as a result of his wound; Bartholomew, lives retired at Homestead; Catherine, married James Brannigan, and died at Broad Top; Thomas, a railway engineer, died in Pittsburgh; John, an engineer, died in Pittsburgh; Mary, died in childhood; Johannah, married Mr. Gorham, as above stated; an infant, died unnamed.

BULLIONS

The Bullions family has been resident in this country but a comparatively few years, yet in this short space of time they have demonstrated that they possess in a marked degree the pronounced ability, forceful individuality and the perseverance of purpose which win success in business circles, and command universal respect.

Leonard Bullions was born in Dunfermline, Scotland, where he was engaged in business as a baker during all the active years of his life, and died at an early age. He married Christina Murray, also a native of Dunfermline, who married (second) William Drysdale, a cousin of Andrew Carnegie, and also died in Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Bullions had children: John, died at the age of sixteen years; Leonard, of further mention; two daughters, who died in infancy; Margaret, married James Gow, and died in Scotland; Jessie, lives unmarried in Dunfermline; a daughter, died in infancy.

Leonard (2) Bullions, son of Leonard (1) and Christina (Murray) Bullions, was born in Dunfermline, Scotland, December 1, 1855, died in Swissvale, Pennsylvania, November 5, 1911. His early education was received in the public schools of his native town, and he then took a classical course in Edinburgh, and commenced the study of law. Having, however, received a very favorable offer from Andrew Carnegie to come to America, he abandoned the study of law and came to the United States when he was nineteen years of age. The limits of this review will not permit a detailed account of his activities, but they are, in brief, as follows: Settling at Pittsburgh, he was bookkeeper for the Union Mills at Twenty-eighth street; employed in a similar capacity at Larimer Coke Works; later at Latrobe, where he had charge of the coke works; then in charge of the Scotia Iron Ore Mines; in charge of the Carnegie Company's interests at Beaver Falls; cashier and treasurer of the Carnegie interests in Pittsburgh; superintendent of the nineteen-inch plate mill at the Homestead Steel Works; in charge of

the Redstone Coal & Coke Company, at Brownfield, for a period of five years; back to Pittsburgh as claim agent and metallurgical engineer for the last thirteen years of his life. All of these positions were in the interests of the Carnegie Company, and altogether they covered a period of thirty-six years. He was considered the most versatile, accurate and experienced man in his field in his day. In 1900 he removed to Swissvale, where he had purchased an acre of land facing the railroad. He is buried in the cemetery at Homestead. His political affiliations were with the Republican party, and he and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he was a Mason, having attained the Knight Templar degree.

Mr. Bullions married, July 31, 1875, Nancy McIntyre, born in Larimer, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1856, a daughter of William and Anna (Long) McIntyre, both born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, and married there. Mr. McIntyre was a farmer, and later removed to Westmoreland county, where he purchased a fine farm, and died there in 1875. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. His wife, who was also a member of the Presbyterian Church, died in 1885. They were the parents of fourteen children. Mr. and Mrs. Bullions had children: Leonard Palmerson, a machinist, living at Swissvale; George L., treasurer of the Philadelphia Street Railways Company, lives in Edgewood; Andrew Carnegie, a foreman in the Bessemer Works, lives in Swissvale; Christina, married Charles C. Lewis, and lives in Swissvale; Nancy C., married Howard Graham, and lives in Pitcairn; Jessie L., married Wilbert Milligan, and lives in Braddock; Charles Schwab, a machinist, living with his mother; Jean Margaret; Oscar Wallace; Clara Mozelle; and Hilda, who died in infancy.

DELL

The name of Dell has been honored and has stood for definite accomplishment in connection with the civic and business activities of the State of Pennsylvania since the early days of the nineteenth century, when the family first made its appearance here.

(I) Philip Dell, a native of Germany, came to the United States as a young lad, and settled near Philadelphia. He operated a stage coach route from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, which he inaugurated about 1820, and conducted many years. Finally he removed to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, continuing the coach line, and at the same time engaged in stock breeding, and the buying and selling of stock. Finally he removed to Allegheny, where his death occurred in 1842. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Mary ——, a native of France, who died some time before her husband, and they had children: John, went to Australia, and remained there; Joseph, a coal miner for many years, also boated on the canal, died aged about seventy-six years; Philip, went to Texas in 1851, and died there some years ago; Jacob, of further mention; Henry, a farmer, died in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1904; Rachel, died unmarried about 1909, at the age of ninety years; Eliza, married John Brown, and died in 1910, at the age of eighty-six years; Mary, married William Bailes, and

died in Cleveland, Ohio, after having spent the greater part of her life in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania; Margaret, married David Conner, and died in Allegheny, at the age of seventy-five years; Catherine, married John Faust, and died in Allegheny at the age of seventy-five years.

(II) Jacob Dell, son of Philip and Mary Dell, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1829, and was killed by a train at Duquesne, in 1904, having gone there to make his home with his son William F. Shortly after his marriage he settled at Bolivar, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and was a boatman on the old Pennsylvania canal for a number of years. He then engaged in brickmaking at Bolivar, continuing in this occupation until he retired from active work. As stated above, he met his death in a most tragic manner. He was a soldier from the time of the first call for volunteers until June 25, 1864, being a member of Company I, Eleventh Regiment Pennsylvania Reserves, and was present at the battles of Bull Run, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Fredericksburg, Spottsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, and numerous other engagements of scarcely less importance. He was captured, and detained four months in Libby and Andersonville prisons. He was slightly wounded three times, on one occasion being knocked down by the force with which a bullet hit his canteen. He was a member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, and of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He married Mary A. Harmon, born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1831, died in Duquesne, in February, 1910. She was a daughter of Philip and Margaret (McClain) Harmon, the former born in Germany, the latter in Ireland. Both came to America in their youth, and settled in Westmoreland county. He came with his parents, who were among the pioneer settlers, and his father was killed by the Indians, and was buried under the tree where he had fallen. Philip Harmon was a cabinet maker by trade, but a farmer and land owner as well, and after his marriage lived for a time in Westmoreland county, later removing to Bolivar. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and were the parents of children: Jackson, a manufacturer of brick in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, died in 1910, at the age of seventy-three years; James, resides on Hazlewood avenue, in Pittsburgh; Rosa, married Dr. John Glover, and died in Missouri; Mary A., who married Jacob Dell, as mentioned above; Nancy, married Harry Blackburn, removed to Kansas in 1885, and died there in 1908; Elizabeth, married Alexander Wynn, and died in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Dell had children: Philip, an engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; William F., of further mention; Maggie, widow of Thomas Edwards, lives in Duquesne; Henry, a railroad conductor, lives in Duquesne; Rosa, died unmarried at the age of forty years; Viola, married Samuel Wynn, and died in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, in 1889; Susan, died in young girlhood; Kate, married William Horton, lives in Clairton, Pennsylvania; John, an engineer, lives in Duquesne.

(III) William F. Dell, son of Jacob and Mary A. (Harmon) Dell, was born in Bolivar, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, August 21, 1853. He attended the public schools of his native county, and upon the completion of his education obtained employment in the brick works in Bolivar and in Clearfield county. In 1889 he came to Duquesne, and there entered the employ of the Carnegie Company, his first position being that of foreman, and then superintendent of the transportation department, discharging the duties of the latter position until 1906. He retired to private life for a period of three of four years, and was then elected justice of the peace in 1911, an office he is still filling with great benefit to the community. In 1911 he also engaged in the real estate and insurance business, the former branch being connected entirely with local matters, and in the latter he represents five distinct companies. He has been a member of Clearfield Lodge, No. 314, Free and Accepted Masons, since 1882; and is a member of McKeesport Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

Mr. Dell married, July 1, 1875, Mary, born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Robert and Mary Bain, an ancient family of Scotland, who came to America in 1854. Mr. and Mrs. Dell have had children, all of whom were graduated from the high school: Robert, a borough engineer, lives in Duquesne; Lillie, married Edward Lytle, lives in Washington, Pennsylvania; Russell, died at the age of twenty-one years; Willa, at home; Mabel, was graduated from the Duquesne High School in 1914.

NOBLE

The Noble family is supposed to descend from Scotch ancestry, and many of the name are now to be found scattered all over the Union.

(I) William Noble was probably born in the eastern part of Pennsylvania, and came over the mountains in his earlier days, while yet unmarried. He settled at what later became Noblestown, and went to Pittsburgh soon after his marriage. There he was a teamster for a time, and about the early forties removed to Baldwin township, where he purchased three hundred acres of woodland, which is now the present site of Carrick borough. He built a house where Buck Tavern now stands, and maintained a hotel there by that name for some years. About 1853 the tavern was destroyed by fire. He rebuilt it, however, and this building has been recently remodeled, and is still conducted under the same name. He rented the new tavern, and built a house for himself facing the land now known as Linwood avenue, and also built houses for his sons, and divided his property among them and his grandchildren. He and his wife were members of the Concord Presbyterian Church. He died in 1866. Mr. Noble married Margaret Gilliland, who died in 1870 or 1871, and they had children: John, of further mention; Ann Eliza, married John Doolittle, died in the Pittsburgh district; two who died in infancy; William G., lived and died on a part of the homestead, and is buried in Southside Cemetery.

(II) John Noble, son of William and Margaret (Gilliland) Noble, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1822, died May 27, 1884. He

grew to maturity on the homestead farm, and his father then gave him a farm of eighty-two acres, land which lay between Laughlin and Birmingham avenues, and extended to Beck's Run. A fine house was also erected on this property for him, and he was engaged in the cultivation of this farm until his death. He was a Republican in politics, and once served as school director. He married (first) Jane Cowan, born in Baldwin township, in 1828, died in 1865; married (second) Elizabeth West, who is now living in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Children by first marriage: Annie E., married John Bennett, and lives in Carrick; Thomas A., an attorney, died in Carrick in 1907; Margaret, married Sterrett Work, and lives in Chicago; William Caldwell, of further mention; Calhoun Franklin, is an oil well driller and lives in Robinson township; John Burns, died in infancy; Oliver, died in infancy; a child unnamed, died at birth, and the mother died at the same time. Children by second marriage: James, died in Homestead in early manhood; Matthew Lowrey, lives in Matamoras, Illinois; John Knox, is a farmer in Ligonier Valley, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania; West, was at one time chief of the police of Homestead, now resides in Muskogee, Oklahoma; Arthur E., a carpenter, living in Homestead; Joseph, a physician in Muskogee, Oklahoma, resides with his mother; Elizabeth, unmarried, living with mother; Jane, married Andrew Jackson Good, lives in Sulphur, Oklahoma; Sarah, lives with mother; Abbie, married John Dudgeon, also lives in Oklahoma.

William Cowan, father of Mrs. Noble, was a son of David Cowan, and was an early resident of Baldwin township. His home was near Point View Hotel, where he owned one hundred and fifty acres. He was a blacksmith and farmer. He died about 1883. For many years he was secretary of the Concord Presbyterian Church, to which he and his wife belonged. He was a strong supporter of the Republican party, and served as treasurer of Baldwin township. He married Margaret Calhoun, whose death occurred many years before his own, and they had children: Margaret, married (first) William Wilson, (second) William Moore, and died in Baldwin township; Jane, who married Mr. Noble, as above stated; Noble Calhoun, a toll keeper in Baldwin township, where he died; David, a farmer, died on the homestead in Baldwin township; Sarah Elizabeth, never married, is now living on the homestead, and is more than seventy years of age; William T., lives on a part of the homestead.

(III) William Caldwell Noble, son of John and Jane (Cowan) Noble, was born in Baldwin township, now Carrick borough, December 5, 1855. His education, which was a liberal one, was acquired in the public schools, the old Jefferson Academy, at Canonsburg, and Newell's Institute, a business college. He continued living on the farm until 1890, having, in association with his brother, purchased the interests of the other heirs. About this time the Birmingham Land Company bought about twenty-five acres of this property to turn into building lots, and a large part of Carrick has grown up on this. Some time later Mr. Noble sold what remained of his share to his brother, and retired from active business interests. He built

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a house on what is now Woodlawn avenue, on a small plot left by his grandfather, and has lived there since that time. He has been a staunch Republican always, and has served as assessor of Carrick borough. He and his wife are members of the Concord Presbyterian Church. Mr. Noble married, in 1882, Maggie J., born in Altoona, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Anthony Simonton. Children: William Anthony, a lumber dealer, lives in Memphis, Tennessee; Margaret Jane, died just after her graduation from the Indiana State Normal School; Clara, married Ira Greaves, and lives in Carrick; Harry Ralph, died in 1913, was married and left one child; Thomas H., twin of Edward F., lives with parents; Edward F., twin of Thomas H., is a clerk for Jones & Laughlin; Anna Marie, married George Howe, and lives on Taft avenue, Pittsburgh.

McHUGH

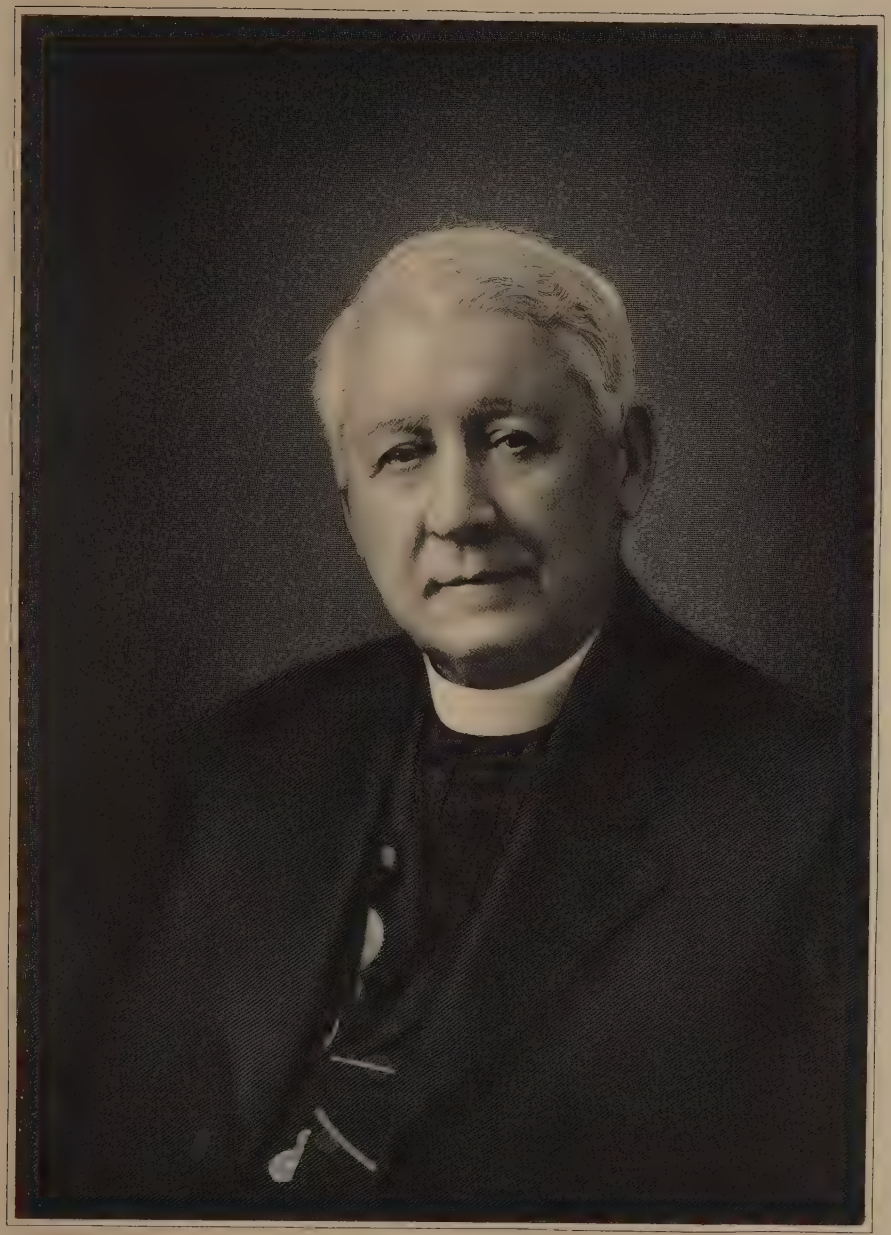
Educated for the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church, Rev. Henry McHugh, a twentieth-century representative of the ancient McHugh family of Ireland, has ever since his ordination in 1868 faithfully and efficiently served the church of his choice in Western Pennsylvania. Monuments to his untiring energy, faith and devotion are to be found in every parish he has served in the form of church edifices, schools and school buildings, convents and chapels, as well as in the spiritual growth of the people he has served. Seventy-eight years have passed over his devoted head and the term "father" is no less one of respect for his holy calling, than one of affection given him alike by Catholic and Protestant. Cultured, pious and enthusiastic, he has served his communities well, not alone as a minister of the gospel and spiritual leader, but as citizen, friend and neighbor, he has shown the broadness of his nature and the depth of his love for his fellowmen. "Father" McHugh is a great-grandson of Patrick McHugh, who married a Miss McManus and with her lived and died in county Fermanagh, Ireland.

(II) Matthew McHugh, son of Patrick McHugh, was born in county Fermanagh, Ireland, there married and lived for several years thereafter. He then came to the United States, settling in Center county, Pennsylvania. He was superintendent of a foundry later owned by Andrew G. Curtin, father of the war governor of Pennsylvania, and engaged in business for himself as a manufacturer and dealer in charcoal. His sons were: Michael, of further mention; James, a soldier in the English army and fought under Wellington at Waterloo; also had three daughters who came with him to the United States.

(III) Michael McHugh, son of Matthew McHugh, was born in county Fermanagh, Ireland, in 1790, died in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, in 1865. He grew to manhood in Ireland, not coming to the United States with his father, but came later, bringing with him a wife and one child. He located in Center county, Pennsylvania, for a few years, where he engaged in charcoal making; later located in Cambria county, where he engaged in farming and where some of his children were born, and baptized by the Rev.

Demetris Gallitzen, in St. Mary's Church, where they were all reared in the practice of their religious duties. He was a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, as were his wife and all members of his family. He married, in Ireland, Elizabeth McManus, who was also born in Fermanagh county, Ireland, lived to a good old age and died with her son, Rev. H. McHugh, at Wilmore, Pennsylvania, in 1889. Her brother, Patrick McManus, also came to the United States and lived near Philadelphia. Children of Michael McHugh: 1. Patrick, born in Ireland, now deceased. 2. Mary Ann, born on the Atlantic Ocean, married John Francis, soldier of the Mexican War. 3. Mathew. 4. Rose, born in Pennsylvania, where she yet lives. 5. James, died in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. 6. Eliza, married John Sander, and lives in Cassandra, Pennsylvania. 7. John, died in 1873. 8. Henry, of further mention. 9. Catherine, died young. 10. Michael, deceased.

(IV) Rev. Henry McHugh, now the veteran pastor of St. Canice Roman Catholic Church at Knoxville, Pennsylvania, was born in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, December 8, 1835, eighth child and fifth son of Michael and Elizabeth (McManus) McHugh; baptized by Rev. Gallitzen. His early education was obtained in the country public schools; then he entered St. Francis' College at Loretto, 1857. Later he entered St. Michael's Seminary at Glenwood, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in February, 1859. He was ordained, June 6, 1868, by Bishop Dominic, of Pittsburgh. His first charge was at Loretto, Pennsylvania, where he served from July 12, 1868, to February, 1869. He was assigned to his first charge as regular pastor at Myersdale, in the southern part of Somerset county, an important town on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, where he officiated along the line of the Baltimore & Ohio and from Sand Patch to Ohio Pyle Falls, administering to the spiritual needs of the railroad employees then constructing the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. He was then sent to the church at Brownsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, a large parish including missions at Waynesburgh and Uniontown, Pennsylvania, where he caused a church to be erected at Waynesburg during the three years he was pastor of that parish. In 1873 he was assigned to the church at Wilmore, Cambria county, Pennsylvania, and for twenty-three years labored in that parish. During that year the church grew wonderfully in numbers and spirituality, the church property was modernized and enlarged, and at Ernfelt a church and parish house was erected. In March, 1896, Father McHugh was appointed to the parish of St. Agnes, Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, and there he completed in 1913 a successful pastorate of seventeen years. Under his guidance, St. Agnes became a large and flourishing parish of seven hundred families. His first care was to clear off a debt of $21,000; this being done he built a fine, spacious parish house. Later he secured a desirable location on which he built a large up-to-date school, with a basement which now serves as a chapel for the accommodation of the parish, since the destruction of old St. Agnes by fire. On December 11, 1913, he became pastor of the church



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of St. Canice at Knoxville, where he is now located. One of the results of his work in Knoxville has been the erection of the beautiful convent of St. Canice, one of the finest and most modernly arranged convents in Western Pennsylvania.

MATHEWSON

From New England to New York and thence to Pennsylvania, in which state the family is represented by Dr. Franklin Wayne Mathewson, a member of the medical fraternity of Allegheny county.

(I) The first of this line of whom authentic record is obtainable is David Mathewson, born May 11, 1760. He and his wife, Betty, were the parents of: 1. Elijah, of whom further. 2. Thomas, born March 7, 1784, died August 18, 1834. 3. Joanna, born November 28, 1785, died April 26, 1865. 4. Sarah, born April 13, 1788, died May 28, 1864. 5. Lucena, born April 7, 1790, died October 7, 1822. 6. Mary, born August 25, 1792, died March 21, 1813. 7. David, born November 30, 1794, died December 31, 1822. 8. Laban, born May 27, 1797, died January 3, 1886. 9. Betty, born June 27, 1799, died August 10, 1841. 10. Rhoda, born July 11, 1801, died March 22, 1813.

(II) Elijah Mathewson, son of David and Betty Mathewson, was born November 6, 1782, died March 14, 1833. He was at one time a resident of Otsego county, New York, his home probably being near Hartwick. He married, among his sons being Albert, of whom further.

(III) Albert Mathewson, son of Elijah Mathewson, was born in Otsego county, New York, and there died, aged thirty-two years. He was a farmer by occupation, and, desirous of moving to Pennsylvania, made a trip on foot to Erie county, where he purchased a tract of land in Franklin township, returning to his New York home in the same manner that he had come. This expedition so weakened him that he contracted typhoid fever, from which he died at an early age, in 1846. His widow did not marry a second time, but reared her family in Hartwick, New York, in 1865, when her youngest son, Albert (2), was a youth of nineteen years, moving to the farm in Franklin township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, that her husband had bought more than twenty years before and to which she still held title. The farm is now occupied by Ceylon, the elder of the two sons of Albert and Mary (Robinson) Mathewson, who married Clara Howard. Mary Robinson, wife of Albert Mathewson, was born in Otsego county, New York, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, dying aged sixty-seven years.

(IV) Albert (2) Mathewson, son of Albert (1) and Mary (Robinson) Mathewson, was born in Hartwick, Otsego county, New York, May 9, 1846, died in Franklin township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, in 1907. In his native place he attended the public schools and later became a student in the Hartwick Seminary, where his education was completed. At the age of nineteen years, his mother, his elder brother, and he moved to a farm

in Erie county, Pennsylvania, which the two brothers cleared, later jointly undertaking its cultivation. To this tract they added more land as the opportunity presented, and for many years conducted farming operations in partnership, at length dividing the property, Albert Mathewson's share being one hundred and twenty acres, on which he conducted general farming until his death. He was a successful agriculturist, and found time for much public service, as a Republican holding, among others, the offices of township assessor, township auditor and school director. He married Alice Mills, born near Edinboro, Erie county, Pennsylvania, September 9, 1846, her parents members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, her father the owner of a one hundred and fifty acre farm in Franklin township, Erie county, Pennsylvania. Albert and Alice (Mills) Mathewson were the parents of: 1. A child who died in infancy. 2. Franklin Wayne, of whom further. 3. Ida, married (first) Ernest Porter, deceased, (second) James H. Phillips, and lives on a farm in Erie county, Pennsylvania. 4. Jeannette, unmarried, a school teacher. 5. Cora, met an accidental death at the age of twenty-four years through being thrown from a carriage, the horse she was driving having run away. 6. Clinton, principal of the North Strabane township high school, Washington county, Pennsylvania; married Grace Donaldson, of Cononsburg, Pennsylvania, June 30, 1914.

(V) Dr. Franklin Wayne Mathewson, son of Albert (2) and Alice (Mills) Mathewson, was born near Edinboro, Erie county, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1875. After attending the district schools in the neighborhood of his home he pursued a course in the Edinboro State Normal School. The following four years he was a school teacher in his native township, and for the following year and a half was employed in the drug store owned by Dr. S. B. Hotchkiss, at the same time studying under the preceptorship of that gentleman. In 1899 he entered the medical department of the University of Western Pennsylvania and was graduated therefrom M.D. in the class of 1903. It was then the custom in that institution to award to ten members of the graduating class, chosen for the general excellence of their work, the privilege of one year's work in the City Dispensary and Maternity Hospital, Dr. Mathewson being one of the number selected from his class for this work. This completed, for four months he was associated with the Pittsburgh Board of Health, in November, 1903, locating in the practice of his profession at Oakdale, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Since that time he has been an active practitioner in that place, is now a member of the Oakdale Board of Health, and holds a prominent place in the medical profession of the county. His political tendencies are Republican, although at the polls he confines himself to no one party ticket. He serves the Presbyterian Church in the capacity of elder, his wife also being a member of that organization, and he belongs to Oakdale Lodge, No. 669, Free and Accepted Masons.

Dr. Mathewson married, September 27, 1905, Margaret Wilt, born near Oil City, Pennsylvania, daughter of Simon and Mary Wilt, both of her

parents living to the present time, her father an oil gauger. Children of Dr. Franklin Wayne and Margaret (Wilt) Mathewson: 1. Simon Wilt, born December 27, 1906, died October 26, 1908. 2. Alice, born March 12, 1910. 3. Franklin Wayne, Jr., born February 17, 1912. 4. John Wilt, born April 2, 1914.

COURSIN

The history of the Coursin family in Pennsylvania begins with Peter Coursin, who came to Allegheny county from his native state, New Jersey, prior to the year 1800, and there lived to the wonderful age of one hundred and one years. He had sons and daughters: Mrs. Belum Grimes, of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Catherine Hamilton, whose age near equalled that of her honored father, she reaching the age of ninety-nine years, two months, twelve days; Nancy, married Leo Cunningham; Isaac, who was drowned when a young man; Benjamin.

(II) Benjamin Coursin, son of Peter Coursin, became a boat builder, becoming foreman of the yard of Samuel Walker at Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. When steam vessels made their appearance on the river, he formed a partnership with James Irwin and Richard Stephens, as contractors and builders of such vessels. They conducted a very successful business until 1849, when the firm dissolved. Mr. Coursin then moved to McKeesport, locating on the Reynoldton side of the Youghiogheny in what is now the tenth ward of McKeesport. There he erected a saw mill and started a shipyard on his own account. He prospered abundantly and became interested in steamboat lines of the Youghiogheny, Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers. After the war he sold his mill and shipyard to Hammitt, Milliken and Chrissinger, and devoted his time to the management of steamboat lines, in which he was interested. He was a director of the Northern Line Packet Company, which ran twelve large steamboats from St. Louis to St. Paul; director of the Pittsburgh, Brownsville and Geneva Packet Company; president of the Elizabeth and Pittsburgh Packet Company, also owning shares in several large steamboats plying the Ohio and Mississippi as far south as New Orleans. He was an ardent Republican and gave free passage on his steamers for the voters of Elizabeth township, which then included a very large territory, causing many of the voters to travel long distances to reach the polling place, Elizabeth. He died at his home in Reynoldton in his eighty-eighth year. He married Christina, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth Rhoads, of an old Peters Creek family. Children: Isaac, a boat builder and lumberman, later internal revenue collector; Benjamin Biddle, of whom further; Frederick H., a prominent real estate dealer of McKeesport; John McD., a veteran of Company I, Pennsylvania Reserves, died in 1864; David, died in infancy; James P., deceased, was proprietor of the Hotel Ringgold in McKeesport; Mary E., married B. D. Downey, now living in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

(III) Benjamin Biddle Coursin, second son of Benjamin and Christina

(Rhoads) Coursin, was born in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1837. After preparatory courses in public schools, he completed his studies at Waynesburg College. He became a printer and eventually editor and proprietor of the *McKeesport Times,* which he owned and published in association with Bartley Campbell, later a well known playwright. In connection with the *Times* he ran a large job printing office, and held the contract for the county printing which amounted to about $12,000 annually. Until 1865 he was also engaged in the coal business, operating the Aliquippa mines in Mifflin township, Allegheny county. In 1895 he sold out his interests to Bailey Whigham & Company for $102,000, then until 1889 was heavily engaged in real estate operations, and for years was McKeesport's largest property owner and tax payer. In 1889 failing health caused him to seek the aid of the baths at Mount Clemens, Michigan. He was so pleased with the improvement in his health and with the town itself, that he decided to make it his home. He purchased land there and erected the Clementine Bath House and the Eastman Hotel, owning both until stricken with paralysis, when he sold the bath house but retained the hotel and other interests he had there acquired.

Among his McKeesport activities was the organization of the McKeesport & Youghiogheny Ice Company, and the erection of its large plant, holding a majority of the stock of that company. He was sole owner of the Crystal Ice Company, also of McKeesport, and so continued until his death. At Mount Clemens, in addition to his buildings mentioned, he organized and was president until his death of the Lakeside Street Railway Company, and built the road from Mount Clemens to Detroit. He also secured a charter for the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston Railroad, now a branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad system. A Republican in politics, he was actively interested in politics, served as burgess and councilman several terms, and was influential in party councils. He belonged to the Masonic order, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Honor, Heptasophs, and other organizations, social, fraternal and political. He loved horses, and his greatest sport was in seeing well-matched running horses. He was fond of baseball and out-door sports, thoroughly enjoying contests of skill and strength, even in his latter years. He died May 23, 1913, deeply regretted.

Benjamin Biddle Coursin married, June 2, 1858, Sarah P. Haney, who died June 19, 1910, daughter of John and Sarah (Lewis) Haney. Children: Mary V., resides in McKeesport, unmarried; Benjamin Lawrence, of further mention; Edwin S., a clerk, residing in Milwaukee; Charles E., an oil well driller of Warren, Ohio; Blanche M., married Robert J. Black, ex-mayor of McKeesport; Clyde C., a physician of St. Louis, Missouri; Nellie J., who met a tragic death by drowning at the age of twenty-six years.

(IV) Benjamin Lawrence Coursin, eldest son of Benjamin Biddle and Sarah P. (Haney) Coursin, was born in Elizabeth township, Pennsylvania, September 23, 1860. He was educated at Mansfield Academy and Iron City

Business College, received his diploma from the latter institution in 1879. He was connected with the United States internal revenue service until 1888, serving in 1880 and 1882 as tobacco inspector of the twenty-second Pennsylvania district under William Windham. In 1884 he became manager of the Crystal Ice Company in McKeesport, a company founded and owned by his father, continuing until 1896, when he was elected alderman from the third ward of McKeesport, an office he yet holds through successive elections, being the second oldest alderman in the city. He also conducts a real estate business, dealing principally in local properties. In political faith he is a Republican and is an active influential member of his party.

Benjamin L. Coursin married, in 1884, Martha A., daughter of Captain Eli and Catherine Cook, of McKeesport. Children: Allen E., died aged eleven years; Benjamin Biddle (2), died in infancy; Sarah Haney, a graduate of Pittsburgh Academy, lives at home.

FOSTER

The first that is known of the name of Foster is about the year 1065, when Sir Richard Forrester went from Normandy over to England accompanied by his brother-in-law, William the Conqueror, and participated in the battle of Hastings. The name was later changed to Forester, then Foster. It signifies one who had care of wild lands; one who loved the forest, a characteristic trait which has marked the bearers of the name through centuries. The Fosters appear to have located in the northern counties of England, and in the early centuries of English history, participated in many an encounter with their Scottish foes. The name is mentioned in "Marmion" and the "Lay of the Last Minstrel." In later years some members of the family migrated to Ireland, and founded families there.

(I) Alexander Foster Sr. was born in county Londonderry, Ireland, June 3, 1773, died in Pennsylvania, March 14, 1849. He emigrated to the United States in early manhood, arriving at Philadelphia, July 12, 1793, and for a time lived in Chester and Lancaster counties, Pennsylvania, later drifting to Pittsburgh. With some others he took a flatboat loaded with provisions down the Ohio river to General Wayne's headquarters, and upon the return trip they were attacked by Indians near Marietta, but escaped. They made their way to Erie, where they helped erect a blockhouse, and soon afterwards he returned to Pittsburgh, where he settled on the Bower Hill farm, and Chartiers creek, and lived there thirteen years. Removing to Somerset township, Washington county, he lived there twenty-one years, then moved to a farm in Versailles township, Allegheny county, where the remainder of his life was spent. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian Church, and both are buried in Versailles Cemetery, at McKeesport. He married, in 1800, Sarah Davis, born in Ireland in 1777, died in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Margaret Forsythe, December 25, 1858. She had come to this country in the same ship as Mr. Foster, in company with her parents, Samuel and Martha (Morrison) Davis, and her brothers, Walter, William and John.

(II) Samuel D. Foster, son of Alexander and Sarah (Davis) Foster, was born on the Bower Hill farm, December 19, 1802, died on a farm near McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, March 14, 1886. Until he was eleven years old he lived on the old home farm, then until the age of twenty-three years in Washington county. Removing to Pittsburgh, he was in the government employ around the garrison, and after his marriage settled at Smith's Mills, Washington county, on a farm. Later he was engaged in the mercantile business for a time at Beallsville, and in 1834 purchased the farm on which he died. On this farm were about twenty acres of coal land, which he worked, and sold in McKeesport. He was a strict temperance man, and a ruling elder of the Associate Reformed Church at Turtle Creek, later at McKeesport. He married, March 12, 1829, on the present site of the Union Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Pittsburgh, Martha McCullough, born January 7, 1806, died June 5, 1864. They had children: Sarah, born July 19, 1830, married Samuel Stewart, and lives in Versailles township; John McCullough, born January 5, 1832, was a lumberman, and died in Kansas City, Missouri; Alexander Davis, of further mention; William, born March 12, 1836, died in 1840; Walter, born November 10, 1838, is a farmer in Versailles township.

(III) Alexander Davis Foster, son of Samuel D. and Martha (McCullough) Foster, was born at Beallsville, Pennsylvania, November 23, 1833, died in McKeesport, January 14, 1909. He was a glassblower by trade, following this calling many years in Pittsburgh in the McCullough factory in which he held the rank of foreman a long time. Upon the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Company I, Sixty-third Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years or during the war, and participated in the following engagements: Yorktown, Williamsport, Fair Oaks, Frazier's Farm, Malvern Hill, second battle of Bull Run, Chantilly, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Spottsylvania Court House, North Ann River, Petersburg. Mr. Foster was wounded at Petersburg, June 18, 1864, his head being struck by a minie ball, and he was carried off the field and transported to Washington, and discharged, September 9, 1864. After the war he went west and entered the employ of Thomas Frazier, of Ohio, being engaged in freighting with ox teams between the Missouri river and Denver, Colorado. Upon his last trip he sold the oxen, and then spent some time mining in the gold region of Montana. Upon his return to the east he married, followed his trade of glass blowing for a time, and then engaged in the mercantile business until his death. He married, July 13, 1871, Amanda L., born in Pittsburgh, April 22, 1849, a daughter of David and Rhoda (Jennings) Auld. They had children: Martha Matilda, born November 30, 1872, married E. P. Junker, and resides in McKeesport; David Auld, of further mention; Samuel Davis, born September 11, 1880, a state highway engineer, and member of Governor Tener's staff; Edwin Alexander, born July 16, 1882, an employee of the state highway department, married Stella Hamptons and lives on Lincoln Road, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

(IV) David Auld Foster, son of Alexander Davis and Amanda L. (Auld) Foster, was born in Versailles township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, June 22, 1874. He was educated in the public schools and at Iron City Business College, from which he was graduated about 1891. Having accepted a position with the R. E. Stone Furniture Company, in McKeesport, he remained with this concern eleven years, then, in 1902, formed a partnership with Victor A. Auld under the firm name of Foster & Auld, and has since that time been located at Nos. 523-525 Walnut street. They carry a stock valued at $40,000, consisting of furniture, and house furnishings of every description. Mr. Foster is a director of the Versailles and McKeesport Cemetery Association, being the fourth of his family, and the third in generational number to fill this office. The first to hold it was his grandfather, Samuel D. Foster, who was a member of the first board of directors; at his death his son-in-law, David Auld, was elected to succeed him; the next to fill the office was his son, Alexander D. Foster, who was succeeded by his son, David Auld Foster. He is Republican in politics, and he and his wife are members of the First Baptist Church. His fraternal associations are as follows: McKeesport Lodge, No. 582, Free and Accepted Masons; Benevolent and Protectice Order of Elks; Knights of Malta; Workmen of the World; Youghiogheny Country Club and the McKeesport Cyclers.

Mr. Foster married, June 16, 1904, Elva Woodall, born in McKeesport, a daughter of Captain Oliver C. and Alice (Holt) Coon. They have no children.

VAN KIRK

About the time of the "whiskey insurrection" in Western Pennsylvania, the ferry across the Monongahela, above Elizabeth, near present Lock No. 3, a crossing known as MacFarlane's Ferry, was operated by Major John Walker, and there he ferried many of the soldiers across, who were bound for the seat of war. This Major John Walker was the maternal grandfather of Samuel Walker Van Kirk, of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, formerly of the mercantile firm of Van Kirk & Walker. The Walkers came to Western Pennsylvania from the state of Delaware, the Van Kirks from New Jersey.

(I) The early Van Kirk settler was Joseph Van Kirk, who at an early date made his way on horseback from New Jersey to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He was a young man of education and for a time taught a school located about seven miles from Elizabeth. Surveying was also one of his accomplishments and many of the present township and county lines were run by him as well as many farm boundaries of the district. He owned a farm of about two hundred acres, largely cleared and brought under cultivation by himself and sons. On this he built a long one-story house of logs, which later he covered with weather boards. This farm, adjoining Round Hill Church grounds, was a favorite stopping place for travellers who were most hospitably entertained by their educated and genial host.

He was scribe for the surrounding neighborhood, writing the deeds, contracts and legal papers for the farmers as well as doing their surveying. He died about 1845, death resulting from a stroke of apoplexy. He married a Miss Williams, who long survived him. Children: 1. William K., of further mention. 2. Gertrude, married Isaac Wycoff, a farmer near Elizabeth, where both died. 3. Joseph, a farmer, lived to be ninety years of age, dying in Elizabeth. 4. Asher, lived to be over eighty years of age, dying in McKeesport, but spending his active life as a farmer. 5. John, moved to Ohio, where he died. 6. Samuel, lived to the age of ninety-two years, dying on his farm near Elizabeth.

(II) William K. Van Kirk, eldest son of Joseph Van Kirk, was born in West Newton, Pennsylvania, April 22, 1799, died in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, November 11, 1881. He obtained a good education under his father's teachings and in the neighborhood schools, and until his marriage was his father's assistant on the farm and on his surveying trips. After his marriage he located at Millsboro, Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he worked in the shipyards, aiding in the construction of the flatboats used in the early days. He also built or helped to build some of the small river steamboats. In 1839 he moved to Elizabeth, where he bought a house built in 1810 by a Mr. McConnell from New Jersey, the house adjoining the hotel kept by his father-in-law, John Walker. This site on Water street, Elizabeth, is now occupied by his son, Samuel Walker Van Kirk. In Elizabeth, William K. Van Kirk engaged in mercantile business at the corner of Market and Second streets, then after many years of successful trading, he retired and passed his after life relieved of business cares. He was a member of the Masonic Order, a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and both are buried in the old Walker burial plot.

William K. Van Kirk married Matilda Walker, born in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 5, 1805, died August 21, 1874, daughter of Major John and Diana (Craighead) Walker. John Walker was born in Wilmington, Delaware county, Pennsylvania, coming when young to Western Pennsylvania. For a time he operated MacFarlane's Ferry across the Monongahela river, later settling in Elizabeth. In 1819 he built a brick hotel on the site overlooking the river, that is still standing, and there for many years conducted a well patronized and popular house of entertainment for travellers. He was also engaged with his brother-in-law, John Craighead, in the lumber business. He died June 4, 1856, aged eighty-six years, three months, twenty-six days. He married Diana Craighead, who died October 7, 1853, aged seventy-three years, five months and four days. Seven children: 1. Samuel, a steamboat builder, died in Elizabeth. 2. Mary, married Solomon Speer, and died in Peoria, Illinois. 3. Matilda, married William K. Van Kirk, of previous mention. 4. Sarah, married Dr. William Penniman, and died in Elizabeth. 5. Diana, married Samuel Frew, and died in Western Pennsylvania. 6. John, a mer-

chant, died in Colorado, aged ninety-three years. 7. Robert C., a major in the Union army during the Civil War, died in Salt Lake City, Utah. Children of William K. and Matilda (Walker) Van Kirk: 1. Angeline, married her cousin, John S. Walker, died at their residence, Walker's Heights, Elizabeth. 2. Samuel Walker, of further mention. 3. 4. and 5. died in infancy.

(III) Samuel Walker Van Kirk, only son of William K. and Matilda (Walker) Van Kirk, was born in Millsboro, Washington county, Pennsylvania, April 22, 1832, and now at the age of eighty-two is living retired, after an active business career, in the house built in 1810, purchased by his father in 1839, adjoining the old brick hotel erected by his grandfather, Major John Walker. He remodeled and enlarged the old house in 1875, and there, venerable in years, honored by his townsmen and highly respected wherever known, he resides, living anew the scenes of his youth, memory being aided by the scenes and surroundings to which he came as a boy of seven years.

He attended in youth the public schools and Sewickley Academy, then presided over by Dr. Trevella. He then entered Waynesburg College, continuing until twenty years of age, then entered his uncle's employ in 1852 as clerk in the latter's store in Elizabeth. A few years later he formed a partnership with his cousin, Samuel Walker, and established a general store in Elizabeth and as Van Kirk & Walker they conducted a very profitable business for thirty-five years. In 1899 this long and mutually agreeable and prosperous partnership was dissolved and Mr. Van Kirk retired to a well-earned relief from business cares. At the time of his retirement he was one of the oldest merchants of his town and one who had aided in every movement for the improvement or advancement of his town.

Mr. Van Kirk married, December 15, 1864, Florence Power, born in Elizabeth township, daughter of John and Mary (Howell) Power, of an old and respected Allegheny county family. The venerable couple will on December 15, of the present year, 1914, celebrate the golden anniversary of their marriage. Children: 1. Edward, now connected with the air brake department of the Westinghouse Electrical and Manufacturing Company; he married Catherine Smalley, and resides with his father; children: William K. (2), Helen Catherine. 2. Alice, married George T. Richards, formerly of the firm of Drake, Stratton & Company, now residing in Philadelphia; children: Florence, George, John Van Kirk, Balleck R., Gwynne, Wayne. 3. William, accidentally killed at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893.

LUTZ

Incidents from the life of the great-grandfather of Joseph A. Lutz, of this chronicle, are most interesting, the recital taking one to the homeland of the family, Germany. This ancestor of Mr. Lutz was growing from boyhood at the time when Napoleon I., of France, had begun his remarkable campaign of conquest, the like of which

is not recorded in history. At one time the French army, with the Emperor at its head, was encamped within a day's journey of the Lutz home, where lived the ancestor who is the hero of this story, a lad of seventeen, large and strong for his age, familiar with every foot of the surrounding country within a radius miles in extent. While the army was there encamped the lad was required by a priest of his faith, the Roman Catholic, to conduct him secretly through the lines of the French army, which the boy was easily able to do. When the two parted the priest, in thanks, gave the boy his blessing, assuring him that he would say one mass for him each day until his youthful guide had returned home in safety, and also as long as he, the priest, lived. While retracing his steps, Mr. Lutz's ancestor was detected by the French soldiers, and was impressed into the French service. No opportunity for escape presenting itself, he was compelled to serve in the army of the Emperor for seventeen years, during which time he participated in many campaigns and numerous battles, safely surviving each succeeding war although frequently wounded by the bullets of the enemy. The power of Napoleon broken, his magnificent army, or its remnant, disbanded, the unwilling conscript made his way home to a family who had long despaired him as dead. He married and had children, one of his sons Joseph, of whom further.

(II) Joseph Lutz was born near Berlin, Germany, and when twelve years of age left home without his parents' permission or knowledge and went to sea. For seven years he was a sailor before the mast, at the end of that time settling in the United States, making his home in Chartiers Valley, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He became a gardener, his first land near McKees Rocks, his industry and frugal habits enabling him to save a large share of the generous profits he reaped. After his marriage he moved to a farm he had bought in Scott township, Allegheny county, likewise holding title to considerable other property in the county, and was universally known as a successful and prosperous gardener. Both he and his wife, Margaret (Hartz) Lutz, a native of Germany, were members of the Roman Catholic Church. Children of Joseph and Margaret (Hartz) Lutz: 1. Mary, deceased, was thrice married, her second husband Henry Rockenhauser, her third John Shoen; at the time of her death she lived in Bethel township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 2. John, a farmer of Bethel township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, died in 1899, the victim of a paralytic stroke. 3. Frances, married Charles Meisey, a farmer and oil operator, lives near Noblestown, Pennsylvania. 4. Margaret, married August Haller, died in 1903, for many years proprietor of the Pittsburgh Salt Works, who died after his retirement from business. 5. Josephine, married Ferdinand Dove, a farmer of Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and has a large family. 6. Joseph A., of whom further. 7. Martha, married William Lindemeyer, and lives with him on a farm inherited from her father. 8. Matilda, married John Stolze, deceased; was a farmer; lives near Library, Pennsylvania. 9. Daniel, died aged about sixteen years.

Jos A Lutz

(III) Joseph A. Lutz, son of Joseph and Margaret (Hartz) Lutz, was born on Pittsburgh South Side, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1841. He grew to maturity on his father's farm in Scott township, and on the death of the elder Lutz inherited a portion thereof, residing on that place until 1874, when he purchased land in Mifflin township, in the same county, there living retired at the present time. His life-long occupation has been gardening and fruit growing, and in these callings he has been uniformly successful, his skillful and careful cultivation of his land bringing him material prosperity. He and his wife were members of the Roman Catholic Church, of which faith he is still a communicant. He married Sarah Riley, born in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1840, died in Mifflin township, that county, in June, 1906, daughter of Matthew and Rachel (McPherson) Riley, her father a native of Ireland who came to the United States with his parents in boyhood, her mother a daughter of Irish parents, early settlers of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where she was born. Matthew Riley was a farmer, the owner of six hundred and forty acres of land in Baldwin and Mifflin townships, Allegheny county, and was also the proprietor of a saw mill. His death occurred when he was seventy-three years of age, his wife dying two years earlier, at the same age. Children of Matthew and Rachel (McPherson) Riley: 1. James, met an accidental death when thirty-three years of age, a heavy log in a saw mill falling upon him. 2. Elizabeth, died unmarried, aged eighty-two years. 3. John, a farmer, died in 1913, his wife also deceased. 4. Josephine, deceased; was a sister in a convent at Newark, New Jersey. 5. M. Paula, a sister in a convent in Kansas City, Missouri. 6. Matthew, deceased, was an employee in a planing mill; lived on Pittsburgh South Side. 7. Sarah, of previous mention, married Joseph A. Lutz. 8. Susan, married Edwin Boyle, and lived in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, until her death in 1901. Matthew and Rachel (McPherson) Riley were also the parents of five other children, who died while young. Children of Joseph A. and Sarah (Riley) Lutz: 1. Daniel A., a carpenter, foreman in the car shops; lives in Carrick, Pennsylvania. 2. Margaret, married Joseph Jordan; resides on a farm in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. 3. Joseph A., of whom further. 4. Mary, married Winfield Haller; lives in Mobile, Alabama. 5. John, a dairyman of Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 6. Francis, met an accidental death in 1900, being struck by a train while crossing the tracks of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad with a team drawing a load of lumber. 7. Samuel, married Mary Weber; lives with his father in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 8. Charles, married Mary Harkins; lives with his father.

(IV) Joseph A. (2) Lutz, son of Joseph A. (1) and Sarah (Riley) Lutz, was born in Scott township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 26, 1870. Until he was sixteen years of age he attended a country school in Mifflin township, then left school and worked with his father on the home farm until he was twenty-two years of age. At this age he em-

barked in an unusual venture, buying a half interest in a circus and conducting this enterprise for one year, the show traveling as Stanley & Lutz, Mr. Lutz disposing of his interest at the end of the year. His next occupation was as stationary engineer at a coal mine in Baldwin township, a position he held for twenty years, during which time the coal property was operated by three concerns, the Scully Coal Company, the Robbins' Coal Company, and the Pittsburgh Coal Company. Mr. Lutz moved to Homestead, Pennsylvania, in 1904, five years later becoming owner and manager of the Floradora Hotel at No. 327 West Eighth avenue, which he conducts with profitable success at this time. He fraternizes with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, while, with his family, he is a member of St. Mary Magdalene Roman Catholic Church. He professes no political affiliation, choosing his party by the calibre of men advanced as its candidates.

Mr. Lutz married, December 30, 1896, Gertrude Catherine Abel, born in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (New) Abel, her father a farmer, her parents residents of Mifflin township. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Lutz: Coletta, born February 28, 1898; Joseph L., November 16, 1900; Norbert, November 10, 1903; Leo, July 14, 1905; Gertrude, August 18, 1907; Harold, March 22, 1910; Herman, December 2, 1912.

McJUNKIN

The forebears of Rev. James M. McJunkin, of Oakdale, Pennsylvania, were natives of Ireland from whence came his grandfather, William McJunkin, when a boy. He was reared by a Mr. McKim, of Baltimore, Maryland, with whom he lived until eighteen years of age, being at that age a practical wheelwright. He located in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in West Pike Run township, when a young man, worked at his trade for several years, then purchased a farm upon which he resided until his death at the age of eighty-one years. He married Mary Hanna, who died in middle age, also of Scotch-Irish parentage. Seven of their children grew to years of accountability: John, a farmer of Washington county, Pennsylvania, until his death; James, a merchant of Washington county until his death; William, died in young manhood; Alexander, of whom further; Milton, a farmer, first in Washington, afterward in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, deceased; Mary, married a Mr. Gregg, and died in Washington county; Martha, married (first) Wilson Todd, (second) Daniel Hawk, and died near Livermore, Pennsylvania.

(II) Alexander McJunkin, son of William and Mary (Hanna) McJunkin, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1819, died at his farm in Plum township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1887. He grew to manhood at the Washington county homestead, attended the public school, and was his father's assistant until his marriage. He worked the home farm for three years after his marriage, and in 1848

moved to Allegheny county, purchasing a farm of 400 acres in Plum township, which he cultivated until his death. He was one of the prosperous farmers of Plum township, a trustee of Plum Creek Presbyterian Church for many years, and a man of prominence. He was a Whig in politics until the formation of the Republican party, acting with that organization thereafter.

He married Margaret Couden Patterson, born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, August 12, 1819, died July 28, 1898, at Oakdale, Pennsylvania. Children: 1. William Patterson, of whom further. 2. Rev. James Montgomery, of whom further. 3. George C., secretary of the Home Protective Building and Loan Association, of New Brighton, resides in Beaver, Pennsylvania. 4. John C., died in boyhood. 5. Mary, died aged nineteen years. 6. Elizabeth J., died young. 7. Wilson, died aged three years. 8. Ella H., died in childhood.

Margaret Couden (Patterson) McJunkin was a daughter of William C. and Hannah (Crawford) Patterson, her father a farmer of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, owning a farm near Fayette City, moving about 1865 to Allegheny county. He was a well educated, well informed man, a leader and an elder in the United Presbyterian Church. He died aged seventy-seven years and is buried near Unity Station. Children: 1. Elizabeth, died aged thirteen years. 2. Martha, married James Patterson, and died in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. 3. Margaret C., married Alexander McJunkin, of previous mention. 4. Susan, married another James Patterson, not a relative, a farmer; she died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 5. Sarah, died unmarried. 6. Jane, died unmarried. 7. Mary, died unmarried, the three sisters all buried at Unity Station. 8. George, captain of Company C, One Hundred and Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was wounded in battle, died at Oakmont, Pennsylvania, and is buried at Unity Station. 9. Thomas, a farmer, buried with his brothers and sisters at Unity.

(III) William Patterson McJunkin, eldest son of Alexander and Margaret Couden (Patterson) McJunkin, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1845. He was educated in the public schools of Plum township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and until he was thirty years of age worked on the home farm in that township. He then moved to Pittsburgh where he conducted a retail dairy business for twenty-five years. His business grew with each year and he was many times compelled to seek enlarged quarters, finally at Thirtieth and Liberty streets. In 1900 the business was incorporated as The McJunkin Straight Dairy Company with W. P. McJunkin as president. The business became the largest in Pittsburgh, dairy products being handled in both wholesale and retail. In 1903 Mr. McJunkin retired and for the past three years has resided in Oakdale. He was the first man in the United States to pasteurize milk for commercial purposes, and was the first dealer in Pittsburgh to realize the responsibility of his business and the fact that the health of his patrons depended on the quality of the milk he served. He accepted this responsi-

bility and set an example of sanitary handling and distributing that raised the business in Pittsburgh to a higher level than former dealers had ever dreamed of. He is at present a director of the Boys' Industrial Home at Oakdale, an institution in which he takes a deep interest, and manager of its farming operations. He is a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. McJunkin married, December 22, 1869, Adelaide M. Joyner, born in England, daughter of Martin Thomas and Susanna Amelia (Taylor) Joyner. Her parents came to the United States several years after their marriage, settling in Plum township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1850. Martin T. Joyner was a blacksmith and the owner of a good farm which he managed in his later years. Children: Elizabeth H., resides at New Texas, Pennsylvania, unmarried; Maria Jane, married D. E. Sheridan, whom she survives, a resident of Pittsburgh, East End; Adelaide M., married William Patterson McJunkin, of previous mention, no issue.

(III) Rev. Dr. James Montgomery McJunkin, son of Alexander and Margaret Couden (Patterson) McJunkin, was born near Brownsville, Pennsylvania, September 21, 1847. He obtained his early education in the public schools and prepared for college under private tutors and in the summer schools, one of his tutors being Hon. S. A. McClung. He taught school for six years, continuing his own studies in the meantime, entering Washington and Jefferson College in 1873 in the sophomore year so well had he prepared himself, and was graduated with highest honors, class of 1876. He then studied theology at Western Theological Seminary, Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, completed the course and was graduated in class of 1879. He was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church, installed pastor of the church at Oakdale in May, 1879. He continued the faithful pastor of that congregation twenty-seven years, ill health finally compelling his resignation in 1906. For five years during this period he was also principal of Oakdale Academy, successfully meeting his dual responsibilities. In 1886 he was chosen as the representative from the Pittsburgh Presbytery to serve on the Permanent Home Mission Committee of Synod of Pennsylvania, becoming in July, 1890, corresponding secretary of the committee, and in 1906 the office of treasurer was added to that of secretary, which dual position he yet holds. In 1898 he received from his Alma Mater the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He has also served for twenty years as a member of the board of directors of the Western Theological Seminary from which he was graduated.

The congregation over which Dr. McJunkin was so long the pastor erected its first church in 1869 on State street. In 1884 the congregation had outgrown the first small church and was compelled to enlarge it. In 1912 the present brick edifice was erected, an imposing structure, and a splendidly equipped modern house of worship. During his pastorate the congregation increased in numbers from one hundred and thirty to four hundred, and all departments of church work prospered under his faithful

guidance. He has ever been a strong opponent to licensed liquor selling and it is largely through his influence that there has never been a saloon in Oakdale. He is a member of the Eclectic Club of Ministers, of Pittsburgh, and in political faith is a Republican.

Rev. Dr. McJunkin married, December 21, 1871, Elizabeth Jane Alter, born in Plum township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, daughter of George B. and Eva (Stotler) Alter, and granddaughter of Jacob and Jane (Braton) Alter, the latter early settlers of Plum township; Jacob a blacksmith. George B. Alter was born in Plum township about 1822, his wife in 1824. After their marriage they bought a farm in Plum township, prospered and became the owners of other farms. They retired to the village of New Texas in 1890 where Eva (Stotler) Alter died in 1904, George B. Alter in 1907. Both were members of the Presbyterian Church in which he served as elder for nearly fifty years. They were the parents of nine children, three dying in infancy: 1. Emanuel, a farmer, died in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 2. Elizabeth Jane, married Rev. Dr. James M. McJunkin, of previous mention, no issue. 3. Samuel Crawford, now residing on the homestead. 4. William Henry, died in young manhood. 5. Mary Ella, married W. W. Alter, and resides in Kirkland, Missouri. 6. Margaret Catherine, married Rev. J. C. Kistler, D.D., resides in Houston, Pennsylvania.

SUMNEY

More than two hundred years have elapsed since Isaac Sumney, a native of Germany, founded his line in Pennsylvania. He arrived in this country about 1710, making his home in the vicinity of Philadelphia, and there joined the original Quaker settlers in industrious pursuits. He married and was the father of two sons, Isaac, and Jacob, the line to Dr. Frank Foster Sumney, of Dravosburg, Pennsylvania, continuing through the latter.

(II) Isaac (2) Sumney, son of Isaac (1) Sumney, grew to manhood at his father's home near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and later moved to Montgomery county, where he owned extensive tracts of land. About 1755 he erected a log hotel, which is standing to the present time, the settlement which grew up in this locality being known as Sumneytown, now located on the Perkiomen branch of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. Isaac Sumney married, the children of his union all daughters, so that the line from the first Isaac found its only perpetuation through Jacob, of whom further.

(II) Jacob Sumney, son of Isaac (1) Sumney, after arriving at man's estate became a farmer, making his home in Berks county, Pennsylvania. He married and was the father of two sons, Isaac and Jacob (2).

(III) Jacob (2) Sumney, son of Jacob (1) Sumney, passed his life in Berks county, Pennsylvania, his birthplace. His occupation was that of his father, agriculture, and he prospered in that calling. He married and had several children, among them Isaac, of whom further, Jacob, Thomas, Samuel.

(IV) Isaac (2) Sumney, son of Jacob (2) Sumney, was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in 1776, died in Washington county, Pennsylvania. While a youth he made settlement in Westmoreland county, and five years later, about 1800, moved to Nottingham township, Washington county, where he owned and cultivated land. He was a communicant of the Lutheran Church. He married Mary Turney, rearing his five sons to useful occupations, all of them becoming farmers or artisans. Children of Isaac and Mary (Turney) Sumney, all of whom, with the exception of Elizabeth, died in Washington county, Pennsylvania: John; William, died aged ninety-two years; Isaac, a carpenter; David, of whom further; Jacob, died in boyhood; Elizabeth; Sarah; Mary; Hannah.

(V) David Sumney, son of Isaac (2) and Mary (Turney) Sumney, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1808, died in 1892. He was reared to manhood on the home farm, and became a teamster on the old National Pike, abandoning this calling and becoming proprietor of a pottery, having learned the potter's trade in young manhood. He passed his latter years on a small farm, his death occurring when he had attained his eighty-fourth year. He married Nancy, born in 1808, died in 1901, daughter of John Hand, her father a saddler of Washington county, Pennsylvania. Children of David and Nancy (Hand) Sumney: 1. William, a carpenter, died in Monongahela City, Pennsylvania. 2. John, a veteran of the Civil War, having been a soldier for three and one-half years in the One Hundred and Fortieth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, now lives retired in Los Angeles, California. 3. David, a farmer and carpenter, lives in Washington county, Pennsylvania; he is also a veteran of the war between the states, having fought in the same regiment as his brother, John. 4. Daniel, a farmer, died in Washington county, Pennsylvania, aged fifty-five years. 5. Isaac, of whom further. 6. Frank, proprietor of a livery business and a dealer in feed, resides in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 7. Elizabeth, died in Washington county, Pennsylvania, married (first) John Helt, (second) Peter Devore. 8. Mary, married John Young; died in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 9. Maria, married James Gault, died in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1913. 10. Isabel, married James Gilmore, deceased, and resides in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 11. Julia, deceased, married Isaac Wolf.

(VI) Isaac (3) Sumney, son of David and Nancy (Hand) Sumney, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, November 13, 1842. After completing his youthful studies in the public schools, he learned the shoemaker's trade, following this for a time and then forsaking it to engage in farming. He became the owner of land in Nottingham township, devoting his entire breadth of acres to fruit culture, in which line he was unusually successful. Here he passed his remaining years, holding a position in the front rank of the county's agriculturists because of the excellent results he obtained from his operations, and receiving the universal commendation of his neighbors as a man of upright life and honorable motives. His church

was the Presbyterian, and he was a Democrat in politics, fraternizing with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Isaac Sumney died May 30, 1912. He married, April 15, 1863, Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin and Anna (Keller) Foster, her father having come to Washington county, Pennsylvania, from England about 1825, settling in Monongahela City, her mother a member of a family long seated in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Children of Isaac and Elizabeth (Foster) Sumney: 1. Frank Foster, of whom further. 2. Grace, married Sheldon Wolfe, and resides in Washington, Pennsylvania. 3. Alice, married B. H. Cannon, their home being in Pittsburgh. 4. Gertrude, married F. W. Scott, and lives in Duquesne, Pennsylvania. 5. Harriet, married Dr. Boyd E. Gamble, and lives in Van Voorhis, Pennsylvania. 6. Roy, married Anna Smiley, and resides in Bentleyville, Pennsylvania, where he is connected with mining interests.

(VII) Dr. Frank Foster Sumney, son of Isaac (3) and Elizabeth (Foster) Sumney, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1866. He attended the public schools, and after there pursuing preliminary studies entered Jefferson Academy at Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, later matriculating at the University of Western Pennsylvania (University of Pittsburgh). In this last named institution he prepared for the practice of medicine, and was awarded his M.D. in March, 1891. Dravosburg, Pennsylvania, has been the one scene of his professional activity, his practice general in nature, and he is accorded worthy place among his medical brethren. He holds membership in the County and State Medical societies and the McKeesport Academy of Medicine. Dr. Sumney is identified with the Knights of Malta, the Knights of Pythias, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His political preferences are Democratic, and he has filled numerous of the local offices, and was appointed postmaster of Dravosburg in 1914.

Dr. Sumney married, June 6, 1894, Elizabeth, born in Homestead, Pennsylvania, daughter of James N. and Fannie (Orsborne) Lawson, and has children: Ruth, a student in the California State Normal School; Weir, Janet, Frank, died in infancy.

BAIRD

The name of Baird, Bard, Barde, appears in records in various parts of Europe as early as the tenth century and extending to the fourteenth century. They appear to have migrated from Lorraine to d'Aosta in Piedmont, and from there to Normandy, finally settling in Scotland. In his "Irish Genealogy," MacForbes treats it as a joke that the Bairds claim an Anglo-Saxon origin, his contention being that their origin is Celtic. In "Irish Pedigrees," of which Dr. O'Hart is the author, he says: "Owen Mac an Bhaird, of Monycassen, was descended from Eocha, son of Sodhan. Mac an Bhaird was anglicized Macward, and modernized Ward. The descendants of Owen Mac an Bhaird rendered the name O'Bairdam, and that in turn has been anglicized Baird, Bard, Barde, Barden, Bardin, Barten, Bartin, Berdan, Purdon, Verdon and Warden.

In 1066 Seigneur de Barde was among the followers of William the Conqueror. In 1178 Henry de Barde was a witness to a charter of lands made by King William the Lion, of Scotland. In 1191 Ugone di Bard, of the valley of d'Aosta, made allegiance to Francis I., of Savoy. He owned a castle on Bard Rock, a natural defence, and after bravely defending the place, was driven out. In 1194 Hugo de Baird was one of the subscribing witnesses to a safe conduct granted by King Richard I., of England, to King William the Lion, and it is said that a gentleman by the name of Baird saved William the Lion from a wild beast, and for this deed received large tracts of land and a coat-of-arms: A boar passant, with the motto: *Dominus fecit.* During the Scotch war for independence the Bards were able supporters of the cause with Bruce and Wallace. Robert Bard was captured by the English, held a prisoner at Nottingham, and an order was issued, January, 1317, for his removal to the castle of Summerton, but his fate is unknown. A William Bard was routed and taken prisoner with Sir William Douglass in 1333, in a skirmish with Sir Anthony Lacy on the English border. Jordan Baird was a constant companion to the brave William Wallace from 1297 to 1305. General Sir David Baird was a contemporary of Captain David Baird, and held command under Sir John Moore in the peninsular campaign, and after the death and burial of Sir John, succeeded to the command and reported the victory at Corrunna. He was the son of Sir William Baird, the son of Sir Robert, the son of James, the son of George, who was living in 1588. All the Bairds now in America trace from these ancestors.

(I) Hugh Baird, who lived and died in Ayrshire, Scotland, was a mine foreman and manager at Annach Lodge, near Irvine, in Ayrshire, but his death occurred at Port Glasgow.

(II) John Baird, son of Hugh Baird, was born in Ireland, but reared in Scotland. For some years after his marriage he lived at Dalrye, Scotland. He also was a miner, became a foreman, and spent the last twenty-one years of his life at Annach Lodge. He married Margaret Flack, born in Johnston, Scotland, died at Annach Lodge, and they had children: Margaret, died in Scotland; Isabella, married Alexander McNeil, and died in Motherwell, Scotland; Jeannette, married William Galbraith, and died in Scotland; Jennie, widow of Robert Weir, lives in McKeesport, Pennsylvania; two who died unnamed; Hugh.

(III) Hugh (2) Baird, son of John and Margaret (Flack) Baird, was born at Dalrye, Scotland, January 5, 1848. After his marriage he settled at Annach Lodge, where he was a mechanical engineer for about ten years, then removed to Garcorsch, where he was similarly employed for some years. During the next six years he was in the employ of the Clydesdale Iron Company and then, in 1882, came to America and settled at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he was in the employ of the National Tube Company two years. Removing to Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, he worked for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company fifteen years, then returned to McKees-

port, and is now chief engineer of the National Tube Works. He is Republican in political matters, and he and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church. He is a charter member of the Scottish clans. Mr. Baird married, in 1869, Elizabeth Chalmers, born in the parish of Falkirk, Polemone, Scotland, March 27, 1849. She is a daughter of William and Katherine (Benney) Chalmers, both born in Falkirk, Sterlingshire, Scotland. He was a superintendent of collieries for the Grangemouth Coal Company for more than thirty years, and died and is buried at Falkirk. They had children: John, died in Scotland at the age of twenty-five years; Jennie, married Alexander Carr, and died in Glasgow; a child which died in infancy; Elizabeth, mentioned above as the wife of Mr. Baird; Katherine, married William Robison, and lives in Dumfermline, Scotland; William, a master mechanic, died in Annapolis, Maryland; Thomas, chief of police of the Carnegie Steel Company, lives at Clairton; Margaret, married John Cronney, and lives in Glasgow; Allison, married John Jarvis, and lives in Grangemouth, Scotland. Mr. and Mrs. Baird had children: John, chief shipper for the National Tube Company, lives in Lorraine, Ohio; William, a physician, died in McKeesport in 1911; Archibald, died at the age of eighteen years; Thomas Chalmers, of further mention; Katherine, died at the age of thirteen years; Hugh, died at the age of seven years; James, a clerk in a store in McKeesport; Elizabeth, a kindergarten teacher, lives with her parents.

(IV) Thomas Chalmers Baird, son of Hugh (2) and Elizabeth (Chalmers) Baird, was born in Garcorsch, Lanarkshire, Scotland, March 1, 1876. He received his education in the elementary and high schools of Shenandoah, and at a business college, and was well equipped to engage in the battle of life. For a time he was a clerk at Packer No. 4, on the Mahanoy Division of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, and in 1897 came to McKeesport, and was employed in a drug store here for a short period. During six months he worked for Weir & McIntyre, street and paving contractors, then became assistant accountant for the National Rolling Mill Company, remaining for two and a half years. His next position was that of assistant paymaster at the American Tin Plating Company's plant at Demmler, Pennsylvania, where he remained one year, when he was advanced to the office of paymaster, which he filled for two and a half years. One and a half years were then spent in the office of teller of the National Bank of McKeesport, after which he accepted the position of cashier at the Citizens' Bank at Braddock, and when this became merged, at the end of two and a half years, with the Braddock Trust Company, Mr. Baird became the assistant secretary-treasurer of the latter, and held this position one and a half years. He was elected cashier of the City Bank of McKeesport, April 1, 1906, succeeding W. H. Coleman, the present clerk of courts for Allegheny county. This institution has been showing a very satisfactory rate of growth, having gained almost a quarter of a million dollars during the four years from November 1, 1909, to November 1, 1913. He is a staunch supporter of the

Republican party, but has never aspired to holding public office. He and his wife are members of the First Presbyterian Church, and his fraternal affiliations are with the Free and Accepted Masons, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Scottish Clans and Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Baird married, August 5, 1897, Ellen, born in Glasgow, Scotland, a daughter of Richard and Ellen Bow, who came to America about 1880. Children: Thelma Margaret, born December 8, 1898; Thomas Chalmers Jr., born October 11, 1903.

KESSLER

The Kessler family, which came to the United States from Germany, has been identified with professional life and high official position both in Germany and here, and many of the name have gained distinction. The younger generations in the United States have added to the prestige of the family name, as is especially shown by the branch now resident in Homestead, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

William Kessler was born in Baden, Germany, and came to the United States at the age of twenty-one years, in company with his brothers Antony and Joseph. For a time he lived in Newark, New Jersey, but soon after his marriage he removed to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was engaged in the woolen industry, being part owner of a factory, and continued in this line when he removed to Loretto, Cambria county, Pennsylvania. In 1880 he removed to Pittsburgh, later to Homestead, where his death occurred one year later. Mr. Kessler was always independent in his political opinions, and while he consistently refused to accept public office, his fellow citizens held him in such high esteem that, while living in Loretto, they nominated him for the legislature without his previous knowledge. When the news of the nomination was brought to him, he absolutely refused to become a candidate for the office. He and his wife were members of the German Catholic Church. Mr. Kessler married, in Newark, New Jersey, Mary Cleamings, who was born near Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, brought to this country at the age of two years by her parents, and died in Homestead, Pennsylvania, in 1905, at the age of eighty-four years. Her parents died not long after their arrival in America, leaving Mrs. Kessler an orphan at an early age. Children: Frances, married Henry C. Litzinger, and lives in Butler county, Pennsylvania; Kate C., principal of the First Ward Public School of Homestead; Joseph T., an oil operator, living in Butler county; William A., of further mention; Emma, lives in Homestead with her brother, William A.; four children died young.

William A. Kessler, son of William and Mary (Cleamings) Kessler, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1864. His education was a practical and substantial one, and was acquired in the public schools of Philadelphia and Loretto, supplemented by a thorough course at St. Francis College. He was seventeen years of age when he removed to Pittsburgh with his parents, and there engaged in the grocery business at the corner of Thirty-fifth and Penn avenues. Removing to Homestead in 1881, he formed

a connection with the firm of Bryce, Higbee & Company, glass manufacturers, which continued until 1887. Mr Kessler is possessed of executive ability of an unusually high order, as is evidenced by the number of important enterprises with which he is and has been connected. He was one of the organizers of the Bank of Homestead, and was cashier of this institution for a number of years. He was also one of the organizers of the old Homestead Telephone Company and the German Building and Loan Association, and of a number of other enterprises. At the present time he is president of the Pennsylvania Lumber Company, manager and treasurer of the Cambria Lumber Company, president of the Homestead Mantle and Tile Company, secretary of Homestead Park Amusement Company, and director of the High Grade Oil Refining Company of Butler. His first connection with the lumber interests was in 1905, his many other official duties having prior to that time engaged too much of his attention. His success has been amply attested, and in their extensive operations they employ from forty to one hundred men. He served as the principal assessor for the borough of Homestead three years, and in 1887 was elected by a large majority as collector of taxes, an office in which he served five consecutive terms. He has always given his allegiance to the Democratic party, and served as a member of the board of health three years. During the two terms he was a member of the school board he did excellent work, and he has also been a member of the borough council. He has now been in public office for many years, being at present chairman of the Democratic party committee in Homestead, and in all this time there has never been the slightest blemish in his public career. When he received the Democratic endorsement for the legislature, it was unsolicited by him, but his party recognized the fact that Mr. Kessler stood high in the opinion of members of all political parties, and would poll many votes because of his high business and social standing.

Mr. Kessler's connection with various organizations is as follows: President of the Firemen's Relief Association; honorary vice-president of the Pennsylvania State Firemen's Association; ex-president of the Western Pennsylvania Firemen's Association; president of the Honorary Members of the Grand Army of the Republic; charter member of the local order of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and also of the Owls; member of the Business Men's Association, the Loretto Club of Allegheny County and the Second Ward Fire Company. He resides with his sisters in a beautiful house on Fifth avenue, and is the owner of a considerable amount of other valuable real estate. Mr. Kessler is a man of liberal ideas and broad-minded views, and gives generous support to every project which tends to the betterment or advancement of the community in any direction. The causes of art, literature and education especially appeal to him.

WILKINSON

County Down, Ireland, was for many years the home of this branch of Wilkinsons, and in that land farming was the family occupation. Presbyterianism is the family faith. Samuel Wilkinson was born in county Down, Ireland, in 1805, there died in 1894. His entire life was spent in the county of his birth and besides owning a small farm he conducted retail dealings in crockery. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. He married Jane Bear, born in county Down, Ireland, in 1807, died there in 1896, both she and her husband having attained the unusually advanced age of eighty-nine years. They were the parents of: 1. William, the first of the family to immigrate to the United States, died in Texas, where he owned a farm one hundred and sixty acres in extent. 2. James, proprietor of a hotel, died in Dallas, Texas. 3. Samuel (2), of whom further. 4. Susan, married in Ireland and there died. 5. Elizabeth, married Jesse McCart, a railroad engineer, and lives in Dallas, Texas. 6. Arthur, died in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. 7. John, resides on the home farm in county Down, Ireland.

(II) Samuel (2) Wilkinson, son of Samuel (1) and Jane (Bear) Wilkinson, was born in county Down, Ireland, in 1838. In his youth he was favored with but few educational advantages, when ten years of age beginning regular work upon the farm, which he continued for eight years. At the end of this time, when he was eighteen years old, he and his younger brother, Arthur, came to the United States, locating in Pittsburgh, obtaining his first position in the employ of W. H. Brown, loading coal along the Monongahela river for three years. He was then for a long time a miner on the coal property of John A. Roberts, also holding a position in the boat-building yards of Horner & Roberts for several years. The following thirty years he passed in different places along the river, accepting positions at whatever callings offered the best inducements, taking advantage of every favorable turn in the industrial conditions of the locality to better his material welfare, and in 1879 moved to Homestead, Pennsylvania, where for six years he was street commissioner. Real estate has been the form of investment that he has most favored all of his life, and to this use he has put the means that he has acquired through industrious and diligent toil, having chosen his property with such wise judgment that in nearly every instance its value has risen appreciably, and as far as worldly welfare is concerned he is independent. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married, in November, 1862, Elizabeth Jones, born in Glamorganshire, Wales, August 22, 1833, died March 19, 1907, daughter of Solomon and Mary Jones. She came to the United States with her parents when four years of age, living first in Philadelphia, later proceeding westward to Pittsburgh, where she grew to maturity and where she was married. Children of Samuel (2) and Elizabeth (Jones) Wilkinson: 1. William James, of whom further. 2. Samuel Solomon, died aged four years.

(III) William James Wilkinson, son of Samuel (2) and Elizabeth

(Jones) Wilkinson, was born in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 24, 1870. When nine years of age he was brought to Homestead, Pennsylvania, where he obtained the greater part of his education. At the age of fifteen years he entered the employ of the Carnegie Steel Company as messenger, later finding service in the open hearth department. Through various grades of employment he gradually advanced to the position of assistant superintendent and then to the superintendency, passing ten years in the two last named capacities with mutual satisfaction to himself and his employers. In 1910 he discontinued his association with this concern and formed a partnership with a brother-in-law, C. K. Andrews, in the handling of builder's supplies, operating under the firm name of Andrews & Wilkinson, a relation that continues to the present time, the offices of the firm being in the German National Bank Building, in Pittsburgh. For about fifteen years prior to the formation of the above-mentioned firm Mr. Andrews had been traveling in the interests of a firm handling that line, and combining his experience and the vigorous enthusiasm and energy of both partners the reason for the firm's success is not difficult to discover. Among the specialties handled by Andrews & Wilkinson are sewer pipe, clay products of all kinds, and slate, and the field into which their activities extends includes Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, New York, New Jersey and Delaware, the firm everywhere being favorably known, their methods meeting with universal approval, and their products of the highest grade. Mr. Wilkinson was one of the organizers and is now a director of the First National Bank of Munhall, his other business interests confined to a place upon the directorate of the *News Messenger,* the Homestead daily, Mr. Wilkinson's residence being in that place. Party affiliation is not a part of Mr. Wilkinson's political action, and he belongs to Homestead Lodge, No. 650, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is an honorary member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and holds the thirty-second degree in the Masonic Order, holding membership in Homestead Lodge, No. 582, Free and Accepted Masons, Zerubabel Chapter, No. 162, Royal Arch Masons, Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, Pittsburgh Consistory, and Syria Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Wilkinson married, December 18, 1900, Sarah Lillian Andrews, born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Henry C. and Eliza (McClure) Andrews. Henry C. Andrews, a native of Pittsburgh, was a grandson of the founder of the Presbyterian *Banner,* this Andrews being also for a time the editor of that periodical. Henry C. Andrews was by profession a druggist, and after his marriage in Pittsburgh was a resident of several places in western Pennsylvania, in Clarion county holding a position as superintendent of an oil works, his death occurring in Pittsburgh, he being buried in Meadville, Pennsylvania. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served through that entire conflict as a member of a Pennsylvania regiment of infantry, assistant to the surgeon, Dr. McCann. Henry

C. and Eliza (McClure) Andrews were the parents of: 1. Ida, married Horton Penrose, and resides at No. 216 Linden street, Pittsburgh. 2. William, deceased. 3. Harry, deceased. 4. Cyrus K., a member of the firm of Andrews & Wilkinson, resides on Craig street, Pittsburgh. 5. Sarah Lillian, of previous mention, married William James Wilkinson. 6. Jessie, died in infancy. Children of William James and Sarah Lillian (Andrews) Wilkinson: 1. Sarah Elizabeth, born December 14, 1902. 2. William Samuel, born April 22, 1905.

COREY

There is a Bible now in the possession of the Corey family of Braddock, Pennsylvania, which has the record of nine generations of this family. It was given to John Cory, as the name was then spelled, the American progenitor of the family, by his mother in 1626, when she bade him farewell as he left his home in Scotland to try his fortune in America. John Cory landed at or near Boston, Massachusetts, soon after the first landing of the "Mayflower," and for a time lived at New London, Connecticut, where his marriage took place. Later he crossed Long Island sound, and lived at Southampton, where the records show that, on March 7, 1644, he was whale commissioner for the district of Southampton. He died at Hashomomack, Long Island, in 1665, leaving four sons and two daughters. Two of his brothers and two of his cousins came to this country prior to his death, and Giles Cory, the witchcraft martyr of Salem, who was executed, in September, 1692, was a cousin or possibly a brother of John Cory. At his death, John Cory willed his Bible to his son Elnathan, and the family lived on Long Island and Manhattan Island during five generations.

(VII) Benijah Corey, a descendant in the seventh generation of the American progenitor, was born in Burlington, Vermont, October 24, 1778, died March 4, 1870, at the home of his son, John Nelson Corey, near Fort Wayne, Indiana. Immediately after his marriage he purchased three hundred acres of land, which are now the heart of New York City. They cleared this and placed it under cultivation, in which they were very successful, but, owing to the depredations of neighboring children, Mr. Corey, much against the wishes of his wife and children, sold this property and removed to the wilds of Pennsylvania, where he purchased another farm, and cleared this, it now being a part of Jefferson City, Pennsylvania. When this section commenced to be more thickly settled, Mr. Corey sold it also, and removed to near Fort Wayne, Indiana, which he later sold for a similar reason, and purchased another farm at Peru, Indiana, which is now in the suburbs of that city. At this place he and his wife contracted fever and ague, and this, combined with the infirmities of old age, forced them to visit their three sons who were living at Port Perry, Pennsylvania, on the banks of the Monongahela river. Mr. Corey was a John Wesley Methodist, was a class leader in this church fifty-five years, and prided himself upon not having missed a single Sabbath in all of this long period. Mr. Corey married, February 20, 1799, Deborah Talferd Williams, a Quakeress, who

was born September 10, 1780, died August 25, 1872, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lydia W. Stouts, in Wheeling, West Virginia. Children: Anna, born February 20, 1800; John, born July 4, 1802; Alfred, of further mention; Moses, born June 9, 1806; Charles Wesley, born June 19, 1811; Lewis, born September 11, 1813; John Nelson, born January 27, 1816; Lydia W., born May 17, 1818; Phoebe J., born April 4, 1821; Deborah M., born July 5, 1823; Elizabeth P. and Barkley, born November 6, 1825. In his earlier years Mr. Corey was a millwright.

(VIII) Alfred Corey, son of Benijah and Deborah Talferd (Williams) Corey, was born on the present site of New York City, April 6, 1804, died April 6, 1891. At the age of nineteen years he came to Jefferson county, Pennsylvania, with his parents, and there learned the millwright's trade from his father, as did his brother Moses. As soon as he and his brother had attained manhood, they established themselves as contractors and constructed several sections of the Sandy and Beaver canals. In 1839 they took the contract for constructing lock and dam No. 2, across the Monongahela river, at Port Perry, Pennsylvania, and moved their families down there from Edinburg, Mercer county. Charles Wesley Corey, another brother, moved his family there at the same time; he had married Julia Ann Sailor. After the completion of this lock and dam, Alfred and Moses Corey decided they would invest their profits from this enterprise in the mercantile business. They went to New York City in order to buy a stock of goods, this being their first visit to the city since they had left it in 1823. Huge houses and hotels were now standing on the ground which they had cleared with such effort, and they realized there had been a great lack of foresight. Subsequently, Alfred and Moses Corey agreed to pay nine thousand dollars for the Braddock farm and seven thousand dollars for the Oliver farm in Allegheny county. Moses was given the choice of the farms, but he refused to take either, saying he had grubbed enough, and if Alfred chose to "blow in" his share of the money they had earned, he could do so. They discussed this matter all night long, and Alfred went to the city of Pittsburgh the next day, and forfeited the five hundred dollars which he had paid as a deposit. The two farms are now covered with costlier structures than those which covered the New York farms in 1846. Upon their return from New York City with their stock of goods, the Corey brothers applied themselves to mercantile interests, but Alfred soon tired of this form of business life, and sold his stock to Samuel Walker, father-in-law of the late James G. Blaine, taking his notes in payment; Walker failed, and paid the notes with a bankrupt ticket. Moses Corey, being unsuccessful in his store in Pittsburgh, traded his stock of goods for the lease of a coal mine under Mount Washington, now one of the wards of the city of Pittsburgh. He married Lydia Adams, a sister of the wife of his brother Alfred.

Alfred Corey married, April 25, 1831, Rachel Adams, who was a very devout Methodist, and established the first Sunday school held in the state

of Pennsylvania. She died April 6, 1881. Children: 1. James Benijah, of further mention. 2. Matilda Jane, born August 15, 1834, died at Portland, Oregon, April 3, 1894; she married (first) Rev. Joseph Walters, (second) J. K. Phillips. 3. Eliza Ann, born September 25, 1837; married William Whittaker; she has four sons and one daughter, the latter married, and they all live together at Dravosburg, Pennsylvania, about four miles from her childhood home. 4. Lida, born at Port Perry, October 23; 1840; married John Baldrige Jr., now deceased; reared eight children; she now lives at Braddock, Pennsylvania. 5. William Augustus, born November 10, 1842, died of scarlet fever, September 28, 1843. 6. Rachel Deborah, born September 6, 1844; married —— Kline, and died leaving an only son, William Corey Kline, now a sailor on Lake Erie. 7. John D., born at Port Perry, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, December 17, 1846; went west in early manhood, and became a conductor on a railroad in Missouri; he was murdered by a drunken brakeman whom he had discharged, the latter stabbing him in the back. 8. Lewis Cass, born April 14, 1849; has a farm near Jackson, Mississippi.

(IX) James Benijah Corey, son of James and Rachel (Adams) Corey, was born near Utica, Venango county, Pennsylvania, April 23, 1832. His educational advantages consisted of five terms, of four months each, at the public school, when those who were able to pay subscribed one dollar a month each, and those who were unable to pay in money, took turns in boarding the teacher. His school books were the few simple ones in use in those days. While a young lad he earned a prize by committing to memory more than eleven hundred verses from the Bible, and this feat was accomplished in the course of one week. This was in 1845, and two years later, when General Winfield Scott was touring the United States, prior to the presidential election, he passed the lock on the Monongahela river near which young Corey lived. A crowd had assembled to greet General Scott, and one of the General's party, Attorney McCandless, who knew the lad, introduced him to General Scott, saying "General, this boy committed the whole of St. John and eight chapters in Acts to memory in one week." (1,132 verses.) An old sailor who fought on Lake Erie in 1812 under Commodore Perry laid his hand on Mr. Corey's head, and said: "James, treasure those verses in your heart; if they do not make you the president of the United States, they will make you a good man."

In the fall of 1849 Mr. Corey piloted his first pair of coal boats down the Ohio river, and as he was not eighteen years of age, he was known as the "Boy Pilot." From pilot to partner was a short step for the energetic young man, and it was but a few years later that the firm of J. B. Corey & Company was formed. His partners in this enterprise were David Shaw, George M. Bowman, John H. Peterson and Judge Thomas Mellon, of Pittsburgh, and they transported coal to the southern river ports. At the outbreak of the Civil War, the Confederate States confiscated all the coal of northern men, and as the firm had a large stock of coal in New Orleans,

their loss was about $50,000, but they eventually weathered this storm. Mr. Corey was desirous of serving his country during the war, but was rejected on account of physical disability. As the coal business was at a standstill, he went to Washington, District of Columbia, and became a clerk in the commissary department, issuing rations to soldiers, at a monthly pay of $50.00. President Lincoln, Secretary Cameron and Secretary Chase gave this department their personal attention, and Mr. Corey was in daily contact with them. At the close of the war the coal business was resumed, and they operated several mines along the Monongahela river, the Duquesne mines being among the largest, and of these Mr. Corey was manager. He was possessed of remarkable executive ability, and had the happy faculty of understanding the men in his employ, of winning their confidence and their affection, and during the thirty years he was connected with the coal business he never had a strike. During three periods of strikes in other mines, Mr. Corey's company supplied the Pennsylvania Railroad Company with coal, and to this day the obligation thus incurred by the railroad company is acknowledged by it. June 1, 1885, in association with his cousin, Alfred A. Corey Sr., the Corey Coal Company was formed, William Ellis Corey, son of Alfred A., and later president of the United States Steel Corporation, acting as weighmaster and bookkeeper. At the end of five years, Alfred A. Corey withdrew from the company, and was succeeded by William M. Dixon. Since 1900 Mr. Corey has lived retired from business responsibilities, on Jones avenue, Braddock, Pennsylvania, his favorite form of exercise being the driving of his thirty-two-year-old horse, attached to the old-fashioned buggy, which he prefers to any more modern vehicle. He has always taken an active interest in all political questions, and was at one time a candidate on the Nationalist ticket for the office of governor of the state. In religious matters his influence has also been felt for good, and he is an ardent Methodist. The first meeting of the Salvation Army ever held in Pittsburgh was held by the late General Booth in the office of Mr. Corey.

Mr. Corey married, May 26, 1853, Elizabeth Ann, a daughter of Peter Kidd, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1795. His father was a native of Scotland, and died when Peter was an infant. His mother married (second) —— Houston, and he was reared by his grandmother. Mr. Kidd married Ellen Wilcox, of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, and they lived on the farm, which he cultivated successfully. They had children: Alexander, Samuel, Jeremiah, Margaret Jane, Elizabeth Ann, twin of Margaret Jane, and wife of Mr. Corey. Mr. and Mrs. Corey have had children: 1. Margaret Jane, who married Samuel Clarence Wymer, now deceased, and lives in Braddock; she has children: Elizabeth Lucetta; Mary Hester, married Charles D. Spencer, a bank cashier at Erie, Pennsylvania. 2. Mary Ella, married William Yost, now deceased, and lives in Erie county, Pennsylvania; she has children: John, Margaret Jane, Rachel Elizabeth.

James Adams, paternal grandfather of Mrs. Rachel (Adams) Corey, was born October 30, 1734, died October 24, 1824. In the list of the officers of the Cumberland county militia who were in active service in the campaign of 1776, we find in Vol. 14, Second Series of Pennsylvania Archives, p. 372, that James Adams appears as captain of the Fourth Company of the Fifth Battalion of the Cumberland County Militia. In Vol. II, p. 90, of "Colonial Records," we find the following minute, dated January 15, 1777: "Captain Kickham was directed to pay Captain James Adams One hundred and two pounds, 5 shillings, one penny, for expenses attending the marching of his company from Cumberland County, Pennsylvania." Captain Adams married, April 26, 1755, Isabella Weldon, born September 22, 1736, died September, 1825. Children: Joseph, born March 18, 1757, died November 17, 1784; Jacob, born September 23, 1758, died August 23, 1803; William, born September 24, 1760, died October 26, 1805; Jonathan, born December 20, 1762; Jesse, born October 2, 1768, died in May, 1852; Lydia, twin of Jesse, died September 3, 1847; James Jr., of further mention; John, born September 23, 1772; Isaac, born November 12, 1774, died February 15, 1783; Weldon, born November 12, 1776; Eli, born May 28, 1780; Levi, born February 18, 1782, died October 27, 1784.

James Adams, son of James and Isabella (Weldon) Adams, was born October 30, 1770, died August 8, 1851. He migrated to Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, where he made his home in the town of Franklin. One of his grandsons, Hon. Christopher Heydrick, became chief justice of the state of Pennsylvania. James Adams married Rachel Black, born in 1775, died at Franklin, in September, 1886, at the unusually advanced age of one hundred and eleven years. They had children: James, Elizabeth, Isabella, Henry Bowman, Mary, Jane, Matilda, Rachel, married Alfred Corey (see Corey VIII); Lydia, married Moses Corey, as above mentioned; Jessie, Samuel, Josiah.

BLOSE

The families Blose, Patterson and Borland have long been connected with the history of Western Pennsylvania, in connection with the counties of Westmoreland and Allegheny. Dr. Daniel Patterson Blose, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, a modern representative of these families through his mother, Sarah Mertilla (Patterson) Blose, traces to the Revolutionary soldier, John Ward, an ensign and an original member of the Society of the Cincinnati. His sister, Hannah Ward, married John Gray, and was the mother of Rachel Borland (Gray) Patterson, wife of John Alexander Patterson, maternal grandfather of Dr. Daniel Patterson Blose.

This line of maternal descent traces to Alexander Patterson, a soldier of the Sixty-third Regiment of Foot in the British army, he of Scotch ancestry. Alexander Patterson early emigrated to America, where one of his descendants, William Patterson, became an early settler of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, later locating in Mifflin township, Allegheny county,

where Dravosburg now stands. There William Patterson took up land, built a log cabin, resided several years, and married Margaret Whigham, born on shipboard in New York harbor. William and his wife Margaret later moved to McKeesport, where both ended their days. She is buried in Versailles Cemetery, but his burial place is unknown. Among the children of William and Margaret (Whigham) Patterson was a son, John Alexander Patterson, born on the farm, now Dravosburg, and there spent his early manhood. He married (first) Sarah Crawford, who bore him five children. He married (second) in 1845, Rachel Borland Gray, widow of William Whigham. She was born about where Christy Park now stands, on what was later called the Penney homestead. There she lived and married her first husband, who died three months after his marriage. Five years later she married John Alexander Patterson, then a widower with five children. Shortly after their marriage they moved to a farm in Armstrong county, but two years later located in Port Perry (now Bessemer), where Mr. Patterson engaged in the coal business. Later he moved to a farm of two hundred and forty-seven acres, on which Duquesne now stands. The house in which he lived stood near the river and near where the present Edward Crawford house stands. After four years on that farm he moved to McKeesport, where he became proprietor of the Hiawatha, then the only hotel in the town. Later he retired to his boyhood home, Dravosburg, where he died. Both he and his wife rest in Versailles Cemetery, and both were members of the Presbyterian church. Children of John Alexander and Rachel Borland (Gray) Patterson: Sarah Mertilla, born in 1846, in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, married Israel Rody Blose, of further mention; Hannah, married William Moore, and died in McKeesport, Pennsylvania; James Findley, a clerk, died in McKeesport; Harry, living in Cleveland, Ohio, at the time of his death, August 21, 1914.

The paternal descent of Dr. Daniel Patterson Blose, of McKeesport, is from the Blose family of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. His grandparents, Daniel and Elizabeth (Rowe) Blose, were born near Delmont in that county, where Daniel Blose was for many years a miller and a well-known prominent figure. He acquired a competence and lived retired at Delmont during his later years, both he and his wife dying there. Two of his thirteen children died young. The others were: Israel Rody, of further mention; Mary, married Robert Reed, and lives in Pittsburgh; Amos, a millwright, living in Greensburg, Pennsylvania; Diana, resides at Salemville, Pennsylvania, unmarried; Benjamin, a real estate dealer, living in Greensburg; Jeremiah, died in Delmont, a merchant; William, died in Delmont, an undertaker; George, a jeweler, now living in Los Angeles, California; Jennie, married Howard Waddell, and lives in Delmont; Hettie, died in girlhood; Caroline, married John Potts, and lives in Salemville.

Israel Rody Blose, eldest son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Rowe) Blose, was born in Delmont, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1843, died in McKeesport, May 18, 1880. He spent his youth in Delmont and there

learned the trade of millwright, his father being a prominent miller of that section, no doubt influencing his selection of that trade, which then was a most profitable one. He traveled a great deal in pursuit of his trade, met his later wife in McKeesport, married and there settled. He continued intendent of machinery in the W. D. Wood steel mill, holding that position working at his trade for several years after marriage, then became superuntil his death in 1880. He was a man of high standing, a member of the Presbyterian church, and of the Masonic Order, his wife also a Presbyterian. In politics he was a Democrat.

Israel Rody Blose married Sarah Mertilla Patterson, born in March, 1840, in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, daughter of John Alexander and Rachel Borland (Gray) Patterson, of previous mention. Children: Joseph Clifford, a druggist, died a young man, August 23, 1911; Rachel, married George Stone, whom she survives, a resident of McKeesport; Helen Josephine, married Walter Albert, and resides in North Caldwell, New Jersey; Daniel Patterson, of whom further. Mrs. Blose remained a widow until September 29, 1887, on which date she married Samuel Carothers, who died in 1896. Their only child died in infancy. She is now a resident of McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Daniel Patterson Blose, youngest son of Israel Rody and Sarah Mertilla (Patterson) Blose, was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1878. After public school courses, terminating in graduation from McKeesport High School, he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, whence he was graduated M.D., June 13, 1900. He spent the following year as interne at McKeesport Hospital, then went abroad, spending a year in study at Vienna and the Rotunda Maternity Hospital in Dublin. He then returned to McKeesport, and began private general practice in medicine and surgery. He has earned honorable distinction in his native city, and is professionally known far beyond local confines. He is surgeon for the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, and for the Sterling Steel Company, of McKeesport, also is in charge of State Tuberculosis Dispensary No. 81, located in that city. He is a member of the Allegheny County Medical Society, and belongs to the Masonic Order. In political faith he is a Republican, and in religious belief a Presbyterian. In college he was a member of Skull and Dagger, and Alpha and Omega fraternities. Perhaps no harder test can be imposed upon the young physician than to begin practice in his native town. Dr. Blose has successfully withstood the test of character and popularity, and counts among his best friends those who are also his oldest friends.

LOGUE

This family, according to Irish history, dates back to the tenth century, and the names of Logue and Logan are anglicized forms of Lochan, son of Daimhin, king of Argille, and from whom the families are descended. In the eighteenth century, during the reign of King Louis the Sixteenth, the ancestor of the Logue family was

in France, and his loyalty to the king led to the confiscation of his property, and he fled to Scotland, and thence to Ireland.

(I) William Logue was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, of Irish parents. After his marriage he settled on a farm at St. Petersburg, and there his death occurred. He was the owner of about three hundred acres of land, a part of which he cleared. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Catherine Elder, and they had children: John, an oil operator, died in St. Petersburg; James, also an oil operator, died in McDonald, Pennsylvania; William, of further mention; Miles, lives near West Union, West Virginia; Eli, a farmer, died in Clarion county, Pennsylvania; Reuben, a mining operator, lives in Colorado; Sarah, married Rev. P. J. Slattery, and died in West Freedom, Clarion county, Pennsylvania; Mary, married Peter Painter, and died in Callensburg, Clarion county, Pennsylvania; Ellen, married Robert Logue, and died in Easton, Clarion county, Pennsylvania.

(II) William (2) Logue, son of William (1) and Catherine (Elder) Logue, was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, about 1836, died in 1865. After his marriage he settled near Callensburg, and there established himself in the lumber business, with which he was identified for some time. Subsequently he became interested in oil operations, and was engaged in this field of industry at the time of his death. He married Catherine Stover, also born in Clarion county about 1836, who married (second) John Cope, is again a widow, and resides at Callensburg. She is a daughter of Samuel and Lizzie Stover, both born near Centerville, Venango county, Pennsylvania. After their marriage they removed to Clarion county, where he was engaged in the lumber business many years. They were members of the Methodist church at Callensburg, where the deaths of both occurred. They had children: Cornelius G. W., a retired lumberman, living at Callensburg; John, a carpenter, living at Callensburg; Thomas, a lumberman, who died at Callensburg in 1876; David, an oil operator, died at Callensburg; Susan, widow of John Neely, lives at Callensburg; Catherine, who married Mr. Logue; Isabel, widow of Obadiah Fox, lives at Easton, Clarion county, Pennsylvania; Mary, married Henry Heater, lives in Callensburg; Ann, married Hovey Shaup, and died in Parker, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Logue have had children: William Brady, of further mention; John M., proprietor of a garage, lives in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania; Alvin, an oil well driller, resides in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania; Sheridan, died unmarried in Callensburg at the age of thirty years.

(III) William Brady Logue, son of William (2) and Catherine (Stover) Logue, was born at Callensburg, Clarion county, Pennsylvania, November 13, 1861. The public schools of his native town furnished him with ample educational advantages, and he followed farming until he had attained maturity. He then became a tool dresser and driller in the oil fields, and in 1889 commenced contracting to drill wells, and has been extensively engaged in this branch of industry since that time in Fayette,

Washington and Allegheny counties, Pennsylvania. In all he has drilled approximately about two hundred wells. He was one of the organizers, and vice-president, of the Belle Vernon Water Company. In 1891 he removed to McKeesport, where he built his fine residence at No. 2807 Fifth avenue. Politically he is a Republican, and he is a member of Aliquippa Lodge, No. 375, Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Logue married, September 10, 1891, Della, born in McKeesport, a daughter of the late Enoch Mains, and a granddaughter of Watson and Elizabeth (Small) Mains. They have no children.

Watson Mains was one of the early settlers of McKeesport, where he was a butcher, and assisted materially in increasing the welfare and prosperity of the town. He married Elizabeth Small and both died in McKeesport. Enoch, son of Watson and Elizabeth (Small) Mains, enlisted in the Union army at the age of eighteen years, and he and three brothers served eighteen months. After the war he married and settled in McKeesport, where he established himself in the butcher business, but was obliged to abandon this by reason of ill health. He then conducted a grocery store there for about ten years, and died there in 1900. He married Irene, who died in March, 1887, a daughter of Lewis and Catherine (Cavin) Soles, also early settlers of McKeesport, where he was a carpenter and built the First Methodist Episcopal Church, which has been remodeled and is still standing. They had children: Minnie, who died in infancy; Della, who married Mr. Logue; Laura, married J. W. Morgan, and died in Ceredo, West Virginia; Sadie B., married William Cadman, and lives in Kansas; Edward, in the employ of the Westinghouse Company, lives in Bryn Mawr, a suburb of McKeesport; Frank, a bookkeeper, lives in New Kensington, Pennsylvania; Mabel, unmarried, lives with Mr. Logue.

GROSS

The German name of Gross, meaning large, great, important, would indicate that at the time of the adoption of surnames in Germany, many members of this family were in the possession of large estates, or held important positions under the government, or had been prominent in some other direction. Those of the family who have made their homes in this country have invariably been an honor and benefit to the various communities in which they have resided.

(I) Peter Gross was born in Metz, the capital of the Province of Lorraine, at that time belonging to France, but since the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71, a German possession. He emigrated to America before the advent of steamships, his voyage to this country taking three months. He settled in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he was employed as a coal miner many years, and finally made his home in McKeesport, where his death occurred. He and his wife were members of St. Peter's Catholic Church. Children: Jacob, Margaret, Ann, John, of further mention; Stephen, Peter, Mary, Michael, Gertrude, Matthew, Barbara, and two others.

(II) John Gross, son of Peter Gross, was born in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and later removed to McKeesport, where he worked for a time as a coal miner. In 1883 he became the proprietor of a hotel on Fifth avenue, which he conducted successfully about twenty years, then engaged in the grocery business, but soon retired from this. He is a Democrat politically, and a member of St. Mary's Church. He married Barbara Newmeyer, born in Germany, brought to this country in early childhood, died in 1905. They had children: John, William and Elizabeth, died in infancy; Catherine, married John H. Wertenbach, and lives in McKeesport; Michael John, of further mention; Margaret, married Fred D. Harris, and lives in McKeesport; Edith, married Stephen Johnson, and lives in Pittsburgh; Winifred, married W. F. Shibler, and lives in Glenwood; Stella, died in infancy; James, a druggist, lives at Glenwood. Mrs. Gross was a daughter of Peter and Margaret Newmeyer, both natives of Alsace-Lorraine, having been born about eight miles from Frankfort. They came to America at an early date, and settled at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where they worked in the oil fields in the vicinity of Oil City. They then conducted a hotel at Allegheny for some years, after which they engaged in farming in the southern part of Allegheny county, and both are buried in Mifflin township. Mr. Newmeyer served in the German army prior to coming to America. Children: Margaret; Barbara, who married Mr. Gross; Ann; Peter; William; and four others.

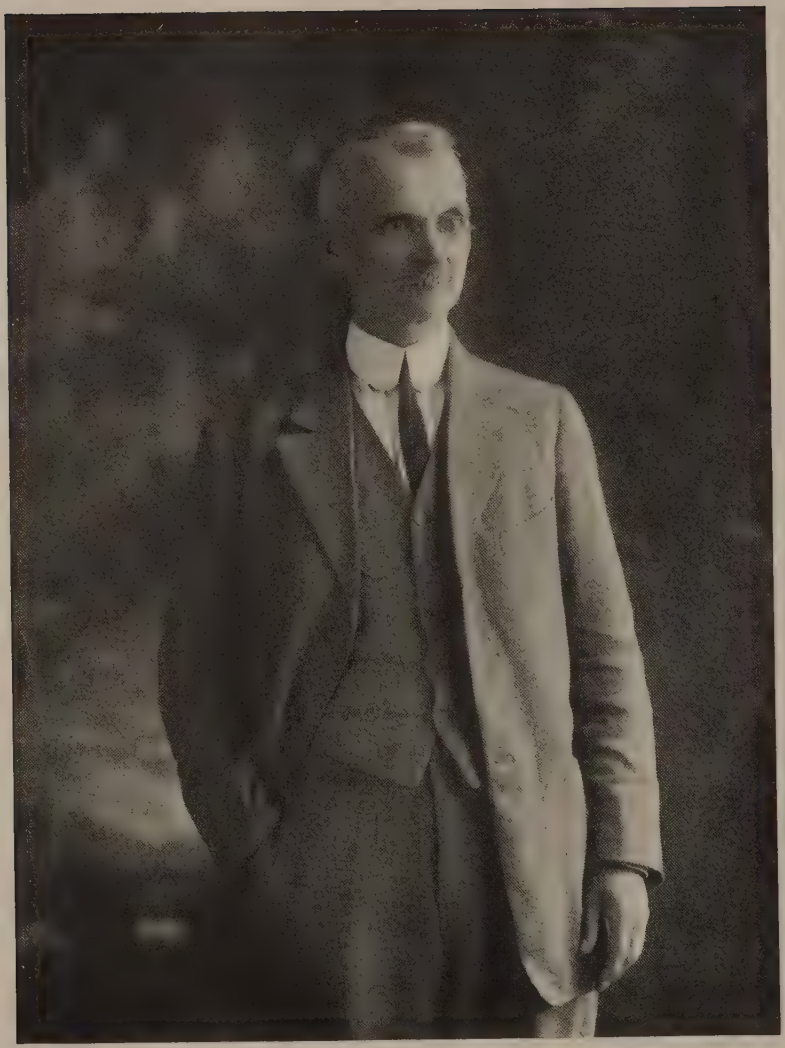
(III) Michael John Gross, son of John and Barbara (Newmeyer) Gross, was born near what was at that time Bull Run, Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, August 28, 1873. His preparatory education was acquired in the public schools of McKeesport, and he then matriculated at the Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated March 29, 1894. For a period of two years he was in the employ of the National Tube Works, then became a clerk in White's Pharmacy, and so efficient and valuable were his services that he was made manager of this business, and in 1904 purchased the business, and has been the sole proprietor since that time. It is the oldest pharmacy in the town. Politically he gives his staunch support to the Democratic party, and he is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mr. Gross married, August 28, 1901, Priscilla Atta, born in Zollarsville, Pennsylvania, youngest of the ten children of Demos Horne. They have no children.

SMITH

This record begins in Ohio, where William Smith was born and passed his entire life. His occupation was that of farmer and by assiduous and industrious application to the cultivation of his land he became possessed of a comfortable competence, although in later life unfavorable fortune deprived him of the greater part of his life's earnings, his death occurring when he had attained a good old age. He was twice married, his second wife being a Miss Casner. Children of first marriage of William Smith: 1. Samuel, enlisted in the United States army at the time of the Mexican War, went to the front and then all trace of him

was lost. 2. William. 3. John, at one time a farmer of Washington county, Pennsylvania. 4. A daughter, married John McGlumphy, and lived in Hollidays Cove, West Virginia. 5. David, of whom further. There were several children by the second marriage of William Smith, one of them George.

(II) David Smith, youngest child of the first wife of William Smith, was born in Ohio in 1827, died in Donegal township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1883. He was reared in his native state, his opportunities for graded school instruction being very few, and when he was twelve years of age, his domestic relations becoming strained, due to his father's second marriage, he left home. He was for several years employed by the farmers of the locality, and when about twenty-one years of age came to Washington county, Pennsylvania. Until the time of the Civil War he was the driver of a stage-coach between Pittsburgh and Bethany, frequently driving a four-horse team, and was the carrier of the mail between those points. Although at that late date the real dangers to those of his calling lurked in the lonely trails to the west, on one occasion he was held up by three bandits and was robbed of three months' pay, although at the time, fortunately, there was nothing else of value in the coach. He abandoned this occupation to enlist in Company H, Forty-sixth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving as a member of that company until the close of the Civil War and participating in all of its engagements. After returning from the front he rented farms in Washington county, and cultivated these until his death, which occurred when he was fifty-six years of age. He and his wife were members of the United Brethren Church, both regular and devoted attendants, and in the organization of this body he held the position of ruling deacon. His political faith was Democratic, that party receiving his undivided support at the polls. He married Hannah Snodgrass, born at Dutch Fork, Donegal township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, May 27, 1830, died in 1886, daughter of John and Rebecca (Glover) Snodgrass, her father a native of Washington county, where his parents had settled after their emigration from the north of Ireland. The family were Covenanters in religion. John Snodgrass was a farmer in Donegal township, Washington county, dying about 1864, his land now owned by John Holmes, a grandson. Rebecca (Glover) Snodgrass was of Scotch descent, her ancestors settling in Washington county after their emigration from Scotland, and was born on Buck Run, near Atchison, Donegal township, Washington county, Pennsylvania. Children of John and Rebecca (Glover) Snodgrass: 1. William, lived in Wheeling, West Virginia. 2. Samuel, a farmer, lived in Donegal township, Washington county, Pennsylvania. 3. Elizabeth, married George Holmes, and lived on a farm in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 4. Margaret, married Ralph Ralston, and resides in Donegal township, Washington county, Pennsylvania. 5. Jackson. 6. Hannah, of previous mention, married David Smith. 7. Mary, married Michael Essick, and lives in Prole, Iowa. 8. Washington, a farmer, lived at Cross Creek, Pennsylvania. Children of David and Hannah (Snodgrass) Smith: 1. John, deceased; was a physician, lived at South Solon, Ohio; married Hannah



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Connett. 2. William, a retired plasterer; married Elizabeth Cunningham; lives in Burnsville, Pennsylvania. 3. George W., a hardware merchant; resides with his wife Clara at Harvey, Greene county, Pennsylvania. 4. James Albert, of whom further. 5. David J., a physician of Osceola, Nebraska; married Rose ——.

(III) James Albert Smith, son of David and Hannah (Snodgrass) Smith, was born in Independence, Washington county, Pennsylvania, May 9, 1860. In boyhood he attended the district schools near Washington, Pennsylvania, Claysville, and the Zion Hill School in Buffalo township. When he was seventeen years of age he began his career as a school teacher, a calling in which he continued for seventeen years, all of which time, with the exception of three terms in Missouri, was spent in his native county. Besides being an instructor in several normal schools he was at different times principal of the schools at McDonald, Bridgeville, Noblestown and Burnsville. After his retirement from the pedagogical profession he purchased a fully equipped printing office and began the publication of a newspaper at McDonald, Pennsylvania, the journal named the *McDonald Telephone,* and was its editor from 1894 until 1897, disposing of the paper in the latter year to Frank Smith. He was then employed as bill clerk for Rineck-Wilson, on Wood street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, subsequently being promoted to the position of head bookkeeper of the purchasing department, remaining with that firm until 1906. In 1907 he moved to Ingram, Pennsylvania, building a house at No. 29 Union street, and since that year has been engaged in real estate dealing in that place. Numerous important transactions in property in and around Ingram have been conducted through his office, and he cares for the requirements of a business of generous dimensions. He is a member of the National Union, politically is a Democrat, and with his wife belongs to the Presbyterian Church of Ingram, which he serves as elder.

Mr. Smith married (first) in August, 1884, Ida Fleming, born at Burgettstown, Washington county, Pennsylvania, died in March, 1887, daughter of Isaac Fleming, a merchant; married (second) in October, 1892, Virginia Pinkerton, born at Midway, Washington county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Hunter and Sarah Pinkerton, both deceased, her father a farmer. Child of James Albert and Ida (Fleming) Smith: Albert Fleming, born May 5, 1885, lives at home. Children of James Albert and Virginia (Pinkerton) Smith: 1. Genevieve, born March 24, 1895. 2. Roland, born February 4, 1900. 3. Lucile, born July 8, 1901. 4. James, born August 11, 1908.

FRIEDMAN

Overcoming the handicap of strange tongue, people and surroundings, learning English in the night schools and working days, Henry Friedman, banker, of McKeesport, has achieved an enviable success and has won high standing in the financial world.

Henry Friedman was born in Hungary, Europe, in 1870, son of Bernard

Friedman, of a family long seated in that country. He obtained an excellent education in his native city, acquiring a fluent knowledge of five languages, but not of English. At age of eighteen years he came to the United States, spending four years in New York City. He acquired the English language in the city night schools, and after becoming well versed in its pronunciation and grammar he obtained a position in the foreign banking house of M. Rosett. His mastery of foreign languages there rendered his services most valuable and for several years he remained in M. Rosett's employ in a confidential capacity. He then spent seven years in a similar position with M. Rosenbaum, a foreign banker of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, remaining in that city until the year 1900. Shortly after his marriage, January 16, 1900, he was admitted a partner in the foreign banking house, Joseph Roth & Sons, 422 Locust street, McKeesport.

Mr. Friedman has developed strong ability as a financier, has gained a wide experience in the different cities and has added strength to the banking houses with which he is connected. In addition to his connection with Joseph Roth & Sons, he has acquired other important interests. He is a director of Roth's State Bank, bankers of Pittsburgh; director of the First National Bank of Sutersville; director of Realty Company of McKeesport, and director of the Home for the Aged, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He is a member of several lodges, societies, fraternal, social and religious, including the "Gemulas Chesad," and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Friedman married, January 16, 1900, Anna, daughter of Joseph Roth, of McKeesport. Children: Bernard A., Molly S., Joseph T., Estelle.

INSKEEP

The family of Inskeep, well and favorably known in the vicinity of McKeesport, where it has been seated for almost half a century, is one noted for honesty of purpose, strict application to business pursuits, perseverance in the performance of duties and a high sense of their obligations as American citizens.

(I) John Inskeep, grandfather of Alonzo Inskeep, was a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was reared and educated, and after his marriage to Miss Myers, also a native of Philadelphia, removed to St. Clairsville, Ohio, being among the early settlers of that place. He was a merchant in St. Clairsville for forty years, at the expiration of which time he purchased a farm, which he operated and on which he resided, located in Summit county, Ohio, and their deaths occurred there, he having attained the venerable age of ninety years, his wife passing away at the age of seventy years.

(II) James F. Inskeep, son of John Inskeep, was born in St. Clairsville, Belmont county, Ohio, 1813, died at Cuyahoga Falls, Summit county, Ohio, 1856. He received an excellent education, later studying for the law, but his principal occupation was farming, a pursuit in which he took a great interest. He spent about two years in the state of Iowa, after which he returned to Summit county, Ohio, and subsequently became a manufacturer of agricultural implements. He was a member of the Episcopal

Church, his family, which originally came from Staffordshire, England, being Quakers in religious belief. He was a Whig in politics. He married Lydia A. Wilkins, born in St. Clairsville, Ohio, 1813, died 1896, aged eighty-three years, daughter of James and —— (Boggs) Wilkins, both natives of Pennsylvania, the former named having been a relative of Judy W. Wilkins, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins were among the early settlers of St. Clairsville, Ohio, and there they spent the remainder of their days. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Inskeep: Edgar; James, deceased; Albert; Alonzo, of whom further; Ada, who became the wife of William Holmes, of Twin Falls, Idaho; Lydia Wilkins, deceased, who married a Mr. Bemis.

(III) Alonzo Inskeep, son of James F. Inskeep, was born at St. Clairsville, Belmont county, Ohio, April 21, 1837. He was reared in Summit county, Ohio, whither his parents removed, and attended the common schools of the neighborhood, obtaining a practical education. He served an apprenticeship at the trade of machinist, becoming an expert in that line. In the year 1857 he removed to the state of Pennsylvania, locating in Pittsburgh, and there worked at his trade for a number of years. In 1861, upon the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in Company H, Seventh Ohio Infantry, and served for seventeen months, participating in a number of battles, being wounded at the battle of Cedar Mountain, losing his right arm, which incapacitated him for further engaging in his trade of machinist. After his term of enlistment expired, he returned to Pittsburgh, but shortly afterward removed to Monongahela City, Pennsylvania, and there engaged as a manufacturer of lumber, continuing his operations from 1864 to 1870, when he removed to McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he followed the same line of work for over thirty years, being principally engaged in the building of boats and barges. In 1886 he was one of the organizers of the McKeesport and Youghiogheny Ice Company, was chosen its president, in which capacity he served for a number of years, and at the present time (1914) is secretary, manager and treasurer. He was also one of the organizers of the McKeesport Title & Trust Company, and is now serving as one of its directors. The holding of these offices testifies to his capability and efficiency, and demonstrates clearly the esteem in which he is held by his business associates. Since attaining his majority he has cast his vote for the candidates of the Republican party, voting for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and he has been active in its ranks, serving as councilman for seven years, burgess for three years, water commissioner for ten years and justice of the peace for five years. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Mr. Inskeep married, August 6, 1866, Anna A. Harvey, of Monongahela City, Washington county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Caleb and Rebecca Harvey, early settlers of that city. Children: Caleb H., a shipping clerk for the McKeesport & Youghiogheny Ice Company; Rea, wife of Lewis E. Lannan, of Mt. Vernon, New York; Anna A., wife of August Ziegler, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania; Lyde, wife of George B. Morrow,

of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Lydia, wife of J. N. Kinney, of Brooklyn, New York.

DREW

The origin of this name cannot be accurately determined. It is to be met with in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland, and appears in the early records of New England. The Drew (Drewe) family of England, of which the Irish family is probably an offspring, descends from an early noble Norman, and the line can be traced through centuries. According to a preamble to the Drew pedigree, given by the King of Arms: "The ancient and knightly family of Drew of Devonshire are lineal descendants from Richard, Duke of Normandy, grandfather of William the Conqueror."

Francis Drew was born in Ireland, and came to this country in the summer of 1841 with his wife and one child; they had two children but left one with his grandparents in Ireland. They landed at New York City, but at once went on to Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, where he found a position as a wagon builder at the furnace. Later he went to Clarion and to Pittsburgh, working at his trade, then opened a hotel at the corner of High and Webster streets, then called Crow lane, which he conducted about five years. Removing to Remington, on the Steubenville pike, he opened a store and hotel, which he managed personally from 1853 to 1858, when he had business reverses and was a heavy financial loser, being obliged to give up the hotel. He then returned to his work as a carpenter, continuing until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in Company E, One Hundred and First Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until the close of the war. He again took up his trade for a time, then retired to the Soldiers' Home, in Dayton, Ohio, where he died in 1883. Mr. Drew married Bridget Burke, who died about 1858, and they had children: Thomas, born in Ireland, was a school teacher in Kentucky, enlisted in the Home Guards at the outbreak of the Civil War, and died from exposure; Michael, of further mention; Francis, died in Pittsburgh when about eight years of age; John, enlisted in Knapp's Battery during the Civil War, marched with Sherman to the sea, was wounded by a shot, later returned to McKeesport, and died there in 1883; Joseph, died at the age of eight months; Mary, unmarried, lives in Pittsburgh.

Michael Drew, son of Francis and Bridget (Burke) Drew, was born at Gort, about eight miles from Dublin, Ireland, March 10, 1841, and was a young infant when brought to this country by his parents. He was educated in the public schools, and after the death of his mother in 1858, left his home and went to Ohio, and from that state to Kentucky, where he dug iron ore for a time, then went to Louisiana, and was in that state when the war broke out. He was engaged in farming at the time, but abandoned this work and enlisted in Company C, Fourth Battalion, Louisiana Volunteers, and served from August, 1861, until he was captured at Chickamauga, September 19, 1863. He was held in Camp Douglas Prison, at Chicago, until June 15, 1865. He was an active participant in the battle of Secessionville,

South Carolina; Jackson, Mississippi; and several others. Upon his return to Pittsburgh he entered the employ of a farmer by the name of Lee, at Woodville, receiving for his services eight dollars per month, and in the fall of the same year went to Carnegie and worked at Bell's Coal Plant. Returning to the employ of Mr. Lee, he opened a small mine for him, and was then employed in the Woodville Flour Mill for the next six years, being regularly advanced in position while there. He then became the half owner of a flour mill at Bridgeville and helped to conduct it until the panic of 1873. A flood in the meantime had caused disaster of large extent to Mr. Drew's home, and he sold his share of the mill to William Carlyle. In association with two brothers by the name of Friar, he purchased a mill at Richmond, Ohio, conducted this four years, then sold his share and returned to Pittsburgh, where he attended courses at the Actual Business College. He then went to Steubenville and engaged in the grocery business for a time, sold this and went to Bridgeville, and then to McKeesport, where in association with Richard Davis, he built a flour mill near the Baltimore & Ohio station. Mr. Davis sold his share to a man by the name of Evans, but Mr. Drew continued two years, when the mill was destroyed by fire. He then established himself in the feed business on Fifth avenue, carried this on from 1888 to 1902, and has lived retired from business since that time. He is Republican in politics, and was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Heptasophs.

Mr. Drew married, in November, 1892, Ada A., born in Hamburg, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Joshua Paul, who lives in Reading, and they live at No. 217 Eleventh avenue. They have no children.

WERNER

The Werner family is an old one of Prussia, Germany, where they have for the greater part been engaged in agricultural pursuits. The direct ancestor of the branch under discussion here had two children: Frederick, who disappeared without leaving a clue; Joseph, of further mention.

(II) Joseph Werner was born at Nordhausen, Stohlberg, Prussia, Germany, February 17, 1817, and died near Millers Grove, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1906. After his marriage he emigrated to the United States with his wife and child, settling on South Side, Pittsburgh, where he found employment as a coal miner for a time. He soon removed to McKeesport, where he was a gardener for a time, then made his home at Six Mile Ferry, now Hays borough, and was occupied as a miner there until 1865. He then purchased a farm of twelve acres in Baldwin township, raising general produce for which he found a ready market in Pittsburgh. He sold this farm in 1888, and retired to private life near Millers Grove. He took an active part in local political affairs in the interest of the Republican party, he and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church, and he was a member of Peter Fritz Lodge, No. 486, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married, in Germany, Caroline Burkhardt, born at Dittersbach, Waltenburg, Schleisem, Prussia, July 18, 1824, died May 28, 1911. She was

a sister of Antony Burkhardt, born November 2, 1832, died May 31, 1911, who was the burgomaster of his native town of Dittersbach for many years, and was a man of considerable influence in that section of the country. Mr. and Mrs. Werner had children: Caroline, who married John Held and died in Pittsburgh; Anthony, a mine inspector living at Millers Grove; Joseph A., of further mention; Annie, married Emil Nurnberger and lives at Millers Grove; Frederick, died at the age of seventeen years; John, is retired from business and lives at Millers Grove; Charles, killed in a coal mine in 1888 at the age of twenty-four years.

(III) Joseph A. Werner, son of Joseph and Caroline (Burkhardt) Werner, was born in what is now Hays borough, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1852. The public schools provided him with a sound, practical education, after which he commenced working in the mines, with which he was identified for a period of thirty-two years. During this time he became one of the most expert miners in the state. In 1893 he took out a piece of coal six and one-half feet in length, the other dimensions being twelve by twelve inches, this also containing veins of limestone. This extraordinarily large specimen was placed in a glass case and sent to the World's Fair at Chicago, where it formed a part of the exhibit of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, but a diploma for it was awarded to Mr. Werner. During the last twenty-one years of his life as a miner, and for four years thereafter, Mr. Werner had also conducted a general grocery store at No. 2524 Brownsville road, in the borough of Carrick, this being disposed of in March, 1904. He also held the office of postmaster during the last seventeen years. In 1904 he was appointed justice of the peace, and at that time established himself in the real estate business combined with insurance interests in which he has been engaged since that time. His term as justice of the peace expired in 1910. He has always been a staunch supporter of the Republican party and active in local political affairs. He served as school director in Baldwin township, 1887-90, this being prior to the time when a part of it became Carrick borough. He and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church, and he is a member of Monongahela Lodge, No. 269, Free and Accepted Masons; Abraham Lincoln Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, joining this in 1873; and Smoky City Council, Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Mr. Werner married, July 30, 1874, Sarah A. Butler, a native of Missouri. She is a daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Saddler) Butler, both born in England, settled in Missouri for a time, then removed to Pittsburgh, where they died. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Werner: Lillian, married F. H. Locke, and lives with her parents; Thomas B., a hotel keeper on South Side; Harry S., a conductor on the railroad; Morrell Jacob, also a railroad conductor; James G., a plumber; Benjamin Harrison, automobile agent; Joseph Mc., a plumber.

BULLION

The Bullion family in the United States is a comparatively new one, although in the sixty-five years of its residence in the state of Pennsylvania its members have branched out

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into widely separated lines of endeavor and are represented in many fields, industrial, mercantile, musical and ecclesiastical, John J. Bullion, with whom this record deals, belonging to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church.

He is a son of John and Catherine (Ruttiger) Bullion, natives of Bavaria, Germany, both of whom came unmarried to the United States about 1850, settling in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where they were married. John Bullion became employed in the old iron and steel mill operated by Spang, Chalfant & Company, at Etna, and with the exception of a few years spent on a farm on the Youghiogheny river this was his occupation throughout his active life. Politically he was a Democrat. He died in 1895, aged seventy-two years, his wife dying in 1905, aged seventy-four years. Children of John and Catherine (Ruttiger) Bullion: 1. Agnes, unmarried, lives with her brother, Rev. John J. Bullion. 2. John J., of whom further. 3. Mary, died unmarried. 4. Michael, a resident of Etna, Pennsylvania, heater in an iron mill at that place. 5. Joseph, organist of St. Mary Magdalene's Roman Catholic Church, in Homestead, Pennsylvania. 6. Charles, a merchant, resides in Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. 7. Philomena, married Joseph Jacobs, and lives in Etna, Pennsylvania. 8. Annie, died aged ten years.

Rev. John J. Bullion, son of John and Catherine (Ruttiger) Bullion, was born in Sharpsburg, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1856. After completing his studies in the parochial schools he was for eight years a student in the St. Michael Seminary, then entered Grand Seminary, at Montreal, Canada, whence he was graduated. His first charge after his ordination was as pastor of the church at Dudley, Huntingdon, Canada, after which he became assistant to the late Bishop Richard Phelan, finally being assigned to the pastorate of St. Peter's in Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side), Pennsylvania. In February, 1881, he was appointed to his present position by the late Bishop Tuigg, that of rector of St. Mary Magdalene's Roman Catholic Church, in Homestead, Pennsylvania. Strictly speaking, Rev. Bullion was appointed, not to the church, but to the field, for the Catholic families of that locality, about forty in number, had no church organization nor any house of worship. For a short time after his arrival Rev. Bullion conducted services according to the Catholic ritual in a hall at Homestead, soon rallying his people to the erection of a small frame church on Tenth street. From this time to the present, induced by the rapid development of Homestead, the growth in strength and prosperity of the church has been steady and vigorous, about eight years after the building of the church edifice a parochial school being reared opposite. In 1890 this was totally destroyed by fire; it was a combination church and school, the first church built having been too small, then the original church was enlarged to accommodate the religious services until the new church was built. The new school, in use at the present time, built of brick, was filled to capacity by the eight hundred children enrolled therein. More recently a convent has been added to the group of buildings, sheltering twenty sisters of charity who have charge of the schools. The first church built, the con-

gregation having long ago outgrown its humble size, now serves for the children's instruction, etc., and in 1895, on a corner lot adjoining the old property, at Tenth avenue and Amity street, was built a handsome two-spired buff brick church, facing the east and overlooking a beautiful municipal park, the gift to Homestead of H. C. Frick. The latest addition to the church property is the parsonage, a building matching the church in material, its outlook upon the attractive park previously mentioned.

The improvements and growth above enumerated show that from a material point of view the ministry of Rev. Bullion has been a decided success. But the true value of his work to Homestead, the greatest good that he has accomplished, cannot be set down in terms of dollars or cents, nor in buildings erected, nor in organizations perfected. It lies in the benefit and inspiration that have been derived by the people of his parish from the loving and earnest intercourse he has had with them and in the manner in which they have been quickened to nobler lives by the influence of his example. Rev. Bullion is a member of the Catholic Mutual Beneficial Association.

VOLZ

The name of Volz is one of frequent occurrence in Germany, and it has invariably been recorded as the name of an honorable and esteemed citizen. Many of the name have come to this country, and have proved their worth as citizens in the United States.

Daniel Volz, born in Darmstadt, Hessen, Germany, about 1819, died in 1859, his entire life being spent in his native land. During all the business years of his life he held a position as clerk in the government post office in Darmstadt. He and his wife were members of the Evangelical Church. He married Katherine Bower, born near the town of Odenwald, Hessen, Germany, in 1814, died in 1890. The Emperor of Germany has a summer home near her birthplace. After the death of her husband she came to the United States, where she lived in Pittsburgh among her children. Mr. and Mrs. Volz had children: Jacob, who was a steel portrait engraver, died in Germany; John Henry, a lithographer, died in Pittsburgh; Elizabeth, married Philip Kramer, a business man of Pittsburgh, both now deceased; Louis, of further mention; Mary, married George Kramer, a brother of Philip, and was for many years proprietor of the Atlantic Garden, in Pittsburgh, the business now being carried on by his widow and sons.

Louis Volz, son of Daniel and Katherine (Bower) Volz, was born in the town of Darmstadt, Hessen, Germany, March 17, 1848. He received an excellent education at the public schools in his native country, also attending the Gymnasium, an institution which corresponds to the high schools of the United States. He was then apprenticed to learn the printer's trade, and upon the completion of his apprenticeship, served three years in the German army. The first two years were spent in a garrison, the third in action during the Franco-Prussian war, 1870-71. He escaped without being wounded, but was an active participant in many engagements, among them being the fierce and bloody battle of Gravelotte, and helped take the city street by

street. His term of service in the army expired in 1872, and shortly afterward he emigrated to America with his young wife. He at once went to Pittsburgh, where his elder brothers were already living. He had no difficulty in securing a position, this being as a printer under C. F. Bauer, who edited and was proprietor of a German paper. In 1874 he gave up his position with Mr. Bauer in order to establish himself in the printing business. He commenced on a small scale, renting a large room from Otto Krebs, who had a lithographing establishment, then removed to Smithfield street, and finally to Grant street, where he was located many years and built up a business of huge proportions, and gradually monopolized all the German printing to be done in the city of Pittsburgh. In 1903 he sold this establishment as his numerous other interests claimed all of his time and attention. In 1892 Mr. Volz, in association with several other influential Germans, founded the German Beneficial Union, a lodge and insurance order especially designed for German-Americans. This organization has developed into the largest lodge and insurance order of its kind in the United States; it has more than twenty-two thousand members; Mr. Volz has been president of the order since its inception. The home of this order was located on Carson street, South Side, Pittsburgh, in 1908, and they are still in that location. Mr. Volz is possessed of an unusual amount of executive ability, and it is largely due to his individual efforts and direction that the success of the association was attained. He has never aspired to public office, although there is no doubt that if he would allow his name to be used as a candidate, election would be assured. He and his family are members of the Smithfield Avenue German Evangelical Church, and they reside at No. 216 Stamm avenue, in Mount Oliver borough. He is a director in the Hill Top Savings & Trust Company; a member of the Frohsinn Society, the oldest German Society in Pittsburgh; and a member of the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. Volz married, April 12, 1872, in Germany, Anna, born in Darmstadt, a daughter of John Young, who was a printer in his native land, Germany, which he never left. Mr. and Mrs. Volz have had children: Elizabeth, married John Blocher, and lives at Mount Oliver, Pennsylvania; Louis Jr., who holds a position in the executive office of the German Beneficial Union, married Stella Lantz; Henry, in the auditor's office of the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Company, is unmarried; George, in the treasurer's office of the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Company, is also unmarried.

AHLBORN

Frederick H. Ahlborn, the genial and popular proprietor of the Hotel Carrick, the leading hostelry of the borough of Carrick, in the organization of which Mr. Ahlborn was a prominent factor, is a native of Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, now part of Carrick, born January 8, 1875, a descendant on both the paternal and maternal sides of a German ancestry.

August Ahlborn, father of Frederick H. Ahlborn, was born in the

town of Ghetting, kingdom of Hanover, Germany, January 9, 1845, died April 12, 1903. He was the youngest of seven sons and according to the custom in Hanover when there were seven sons in a family, the King of Hanover stood godfather for the seventh, which he did in this case. The parents of August Ahlborn were born, lived and died in Germany, nothing further being known of them. August Ahlborn grew to maturity on a farm in his native land, attending the schools in the vicinity of his home during his youth, and being a great lover of horses became a coachman upon attaining young manhood. Before he became of age he entered the Hanover army and served for three years. He participated in the war between Hanover and Schleswig-Holstein, and was in many hard-fought battles. In 1866, immediately after the close of the war, he emigrated to the United States and settled in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and for the first year worked on the farm of his brother, Frederick H. Ahlborn, who was fourteen years his senior, and who was the only other member of the family to come to this country; his farm was located in Bethel township, and he was also the owner of a fruit farm in Baldwin township. At the expiration of his one year's service with his brother, August Ahlborn became an employee in Elliot's Nursery, and served there for seven years. He then entered into a business partnership with Herman Mewes, they establishing a grocery and saloon, but this connection was dissolved three years later, and in June, 1873, Mr. Ahlborn purchased a hotel at what was known as Spiketown, now Carrick, giving it the name of the Hanover House. He conducted this hotel until May, 1899, when his son, Frederick H. Ahlborn, assumed the management of it.

August Ahlborn married, 1869, Margaretta Rindfuss, born in Ugenheim by Darmstadt, Germany, June 22, 1845, daughter of Philip and Katherina (Heldman) Rindfuss. Philip Rindfuss was born in Ugenheim by Darmstadt, Germany, was a shoemaker by trade, a member of the German Lutheran Church, and died at the early age of thirty-four years. His wife was born in Obermodon-Odwaldt, Germany, and after the death of her husband married (second) Ludwig Gerstenschleger, who died in Allegheny, Pennsylvania; he was also a shoemaker by trade. Mrs. Gerstenschleger died in Germany. Children of Philip and Katherina Rindfuss: 1. Margaretta, aforementioned as the wife of August Ahlborn. 2. Barbara, married Charles Zeiler, a wagon builder; resided in the eighteenth ward, Pittsburgh; both deceased. 3. Valentine, a glass worker by trade; married Margaretta Kerstener; resides in the eighteenth ward, Pittsburgh. Children of Ludwig and Katherina Gerstenschleger: 1. Ida, married —— Benedict. 2. Henry, a cigarmaker, resides in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. 3. George, deceased. 4. William, deceased. Children of August and Margaretta Ahlborn: 1. George, a blacksmith, resides in Knoxville. 2. Frederick H., of whom further. 3. Emma, married Gotlieb Rall; resides in Carrick, Pennsylvania. 4. Margaretta, married Peter Pistorius, engaged in the insurance business; resides on Phillips avenue, Carrick, Pennsylvania.

5. Wilhelmina, married David Timothy; resides in Knoxville, Pennsylvania.

Frederick H. Ahlborn attended the old Concord School in Baldwin township, and the German Lutheran School on Jane street, South Side, Pittsburgh, completing his studies at the age of fourteen years. His first employment was in his father's grocery, where he remained for a few years, and the following three years he served as conductor and motorman on the street railway. In May, 1899, he assumed control of his father's hotel, then called the Halfway House, and after the borough of Carrick was formed the name was changed to Hotel Carrick, its present form. The house is noted for cleanliness and for its excellent cuisine, and its host is always mindful of the comfort and wishes of his many patrons, who show their appreciation by continuing their visits and recommending it to their friends. Mr. Ahlborn was active in the organization of the local fire company, serving as treasurer of the same for a number of years, and he has also acted as treasurer of the Mt. Oliver German Mutual Fire Insurance Company. In 1913 he erected a fine building at No. 1730 Brownsville road, equipped with all modern appliances. Mr. Ahlborn and his family are members of the German Lutheran Church, and he holds membership in Hill Top Lodge, No. 9, Knights of Pythias; Carrick Eyrie, No. 1520, Fraternal Order of Eagles; Peter Fritz Lodge, No. 486, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Robert Blum Encampment, No. 155, of the same order.

Mr. Ahlborn married, February 6, 1898, Catherine Roessler, born on South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1877, daughter of Christopher and Mary Roessler, natives of Pennsylvania, the former named deceased, the latter living at the present time (1914) at No. 1726 Brownsville road, Carrick, Pennsylvania. Mr. Roessler was a glass worker by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Ahlborn are the parents of one child, Frederick Emmett, born October 31, 1900.

BENSON

By his own honorable exertions and moral attributes, Hubert G. Benson, a representative citizen of Carrick, has carved out for himself friends, affluence and position, and by the strength and force of his own character has overcome obstacles which to others less hopeful and less courageous would seem unsurmountable.

The earliest known ancestor of the line of the Benson family herein recorded, was a resident of London, England, and served as Archbishop in the Episcopal church, and another ancestor of the family served as Archbishop of Canterbury.

(I) Elijah Benson, grandfather of Hubert G. Benson, was born in Newfoundland, and there spent his entire life, serving in the capacity of Methodist minister, being a pioneer circuit rider and founder of churches. He was probably never ordained, but being a man of excellent education, deep religious fervor and a natural leader of men, totally dissimilar to the majority of the inhabitants of that land, who were simple folk, engaged in

the fishing and coastwise trade, he was chosen to fill this responsible position, the duties of which he performed in a highly commendable manner. His death occurred in the year 1892. His wife, Elizabeth (Janes) Benson, also a native of Newfoundland, died January 1, 1914, aged eighty-seven years. They were the parents of six children: 1. William, lives at Grates Cove, Newfoundland. 2. Gideon, lives at Carbonear, Newfoundland. 3. Naomi, married Willis Moores, a carpenter, resides in St. John's. 4. Julia, married Joshua Benson, her fourth cousin, and resides in Saskatchewan, Canada. 5. Elisha, of whom further. 6. Eli, deceased; was a carpenter by trade.

(II) Elisha Benson, son of Elijah Benson, was born in Grates Cove, Newfoundland, 1846. He was reared and educated in his native land, and has resided there all his life, being at the present time (1914) engaged in carpentering and contracting, from which he derives a lucrative livelihood. In early life he went to sea, and in due course of time became a foreign zone sea captain on large vessels, but later he abandoned this life and turned his attention to the line of work in which he is now engaged. He married Eliza Moores, born in Northern Bay, Newfoundland, in 1847, her parents being natives of Newfoundland, of Welsh descent, the father, who was a fisherman and farmer, died in 1902, aged ninety years; he and his family were members of the Methodist church; in addition to Eliza, mentioned above, who was the youngest child in the family, they were the parents of three children: Willis; Jordan, a sea captain on local boats of Newfoundland; Frederick, a sea captain in local waters. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Benson: 1. John C., formerly a resident of Brooklyn, now of Pittsburgh, a carpenter by trade; married Mabel Thompson. 2. Hubert G., of whom further. 3. Joseph William, a resident of Pittsburgh, a druggist by profession. 4. Jordan, a resident of Brooklyn, a structural iron worker by trade. 5. Drusilla, married Isaac Sparks; resides in St. John's, Newfoundland. 6. Anna, married a Mr. Driscoll; resides in St. John's, Newfoundland. 7. Ethel, resides in St. John's, Newfoundland.

(III) Hubert G. Benson, son of Elisha Benson, was born in Grates Cove, Newfoundland, August 22, 1878. He attended the Methodist schools of St. John's, completing his studies at the age of twelve years. He then became apprenticed to a carpenter in his native city, served five years, and at the expiration of this period of time was proficient in all branches of the business. At the age of twenty years, unaccompanied, he removed to Brooklyn, Long Island, and there worked as a journeyman at his trade for one month. Upon his arrival in Brooklyn he had only $4.00 in his possession, the half of which he spent in payment for an application for citizenship, but he has never for one moment regretted this step, being proud of his connection with so grand a country. From an almost penniless young man he has risen to a position of prominence in the business world, having a prosperous business of his own, a fine residence, and ranking among the best citizens of the city of Pittsburgh, whither he removed in the year 1899.

For the first three months of his residence in Pittsburgh he was a journeyman carpenter, then accepted the position of foreman for contractors, serving under a number of the large contractors of the city, and during this time he assisted in the erection of the majority of the largest buildings in Pittsburgh, among which was the Washington County Court House. In 1908 he engaged in business on his own account as a contractor, his first work in that line being in Knoxville, and since then he has been constantly engaged in large enterprises, from which he has derived a goodly income. In 1911 he took up his residence in the borough of Carrick, has erected several houses, which he sold to advantage, and at the present time (1914) is building a residence for his own use on Brownsville road, which will be equipped with everything needful for the comfort of its inmates. In early life Mr. Benson went to sea in the sailing vessels on the Newfoundland coast, making many sailing trips to Labrador and the mainland. He is a member of Dallas Lodge, No. 508, Free and Accepted Masons; Zerrubabel Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Valley of Pittsburgh Council, Royal and Select Masters; Tancred Commandery, Knights Templar, and Pennsylvania Consistory, Sovereign Princes of the Royal Secret.

Mr. Benson married (first) in October, 1901, Jennie Hammond, born at Spring Run, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Martin Hammond. She died in November, 1906, Mr. Benson married (second) June, 1908, Caroline Krehan, born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daughter of Ernest and Julia Krehan, natives of Germany, her birth occurring in Leipzig; Mr. Krehan, now deceased, opened the Birmingham Drug Store on the South Side, Pittsburgh, where he was known as "Squire" for many years. Children of second marriage: George Hubert, born April 5, 1909; John Charles, born September 24, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Benson are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

GRAY

The surname of Gray or Grey has been in use from the earliest times in England and Scotland, and is of the same class as Black, White, Green, Brown, etc. The pages of history are brightly starred with the names of members of the Gray family who were very successful along many lines of work for the good of humanity. The stars which mark such names as that of our famous botanist, Dr. Asa Gray, are large and radiant. Whoever has marked the many pilgrims who stand by such graves as that of Dr. Gray, in Mount Auburn, or that of the author of the "Elegy in a Country Churchyard," understands fully that no multiplied years with their shadows can ever change, except to make brighter, the light which these men of heroic mould gave to their day and generation. Whatever the ancestry of the various Gray families, all are characterized by a deep religious spirit, an aptitude for various kinds of useful work, and the diligence to follow their chosen labor with a result which means work in which all men can trust. Though never office seekers, they have been given important places of trust in the communities in which they have

dwelt, and their faithful discharge of every duty placed before them has been like that which they have given to their private affairs.

(I) Edwin Gray, who lived in Rhode, Somersetshire, England, served in the English regular army, and in his later years was a pensioner. He had children: Thomas and John, soldiers in the English army; Joseph, of further mention; Edwin, served in the English marines; a daughter, who married —— Lansdowne.

(II) Joseph Gray, son of Edwin Gray, lived and died in the village of Rhode, England. He was born in 1812, died October 28, 1882. He was a cloth fuller by trade, and worked in the linen and cotton mills all the active years of his life. He and his wife belonged to the Church of England. He married Sarah Silcox, born in Rhode in 1811, died there August 31, 1889. Children: 1. Edwin, deceased, was for many years a soldier in the English army, and in his later years a shoemaker. 2. Isaac, served in the British navy in his younger days, taking part in the bombardment of Sebastopol; later was in the mining business in Wales. 3. Thomas, married Ann Jenkins, a daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Morgans) Jenkins; he was a coal miner in Wales, and after coming to McKeesport, Pennsylvania, followed the same occupation until his death in 1905. 4. Elizabeth, died unmarried in England. 5. Joseph, now deceased; was a soldier in the English army in India for seventeen years. 6. John S., of further mention.

(III) John S. Gray, son of Joseph and Sarah (Silcox) Gray, was born in Rhode, Somersetshire, England, May 28, 1842. His opportunities for obtaining an education were very limited, and at the age of twelve years he went into a bakery and grocery store, in order to learn this business thoroughly and remained until he was seventeen years of age. In 1865 he emigrated to America, going directly to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and after a short time to Limeton, Pennsylvania, where he joined his brother Thomas and worked as a coal miner for many years. Twelve years were then spent in the structural iron department of the Carnegie Steel Company, and in 1903 he removed to Blair, Pennsylvania, and there started a grocery store, with which he is still successfully identified. He is a Republican in political matters, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist church. Mr. Gray married Catherine Jenkins, born near the City of Plumswansea, Wales, February 1, 1842, a daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Morgans) Jenkins. Thomas Jenkins was born in Wales in 1802, died in 1867. He was a coal miner, and a member of the Congregational church. Eliza (Morgans) Jenkins was born in Wales, died at the age of sixty-five years, while on the voyage to this country in 1866, and was buried at Halifax, Nova Scotia. They had children: 1. Ann, who married Thomas Gray, died in 1914 at the age of eighty-five years. 2. Gwennie, married William Thomas, and lives at South Side, Pittsburgh. 3. Eliza, married a Mr. Sullivan, lived at Pittsburgh, both now deceased. 4. Lucy, married John Evans, lived in Pittsburgh, both deceased. 5. Mary, married George Reese,

lived at Dennis, Ohio, both now deceased. 6. Catherine, who married Mr. Gray, as above stated. 7. Margaret, married John Thomas, both deceased, lived at South Side, Pittsburgh. 8. William, a coal miner, died in Pittsburgh. 9. Hannah, married Joseph Thomas, now deceased; she lives in Connellsville, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have had children: Isaac, William, Thomas, John, Annie, and several who are deceased.

(IV) William Gray, son of John S. and Catherine (Jenkins) Gray, was born at Banksville, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 4, 1873. He attended the public schools at Jones Station and Jefferson township and the high school at Elizabeth, from which he was graduated in the class of 1887. The following year the family removed to Homestead, where he worked at intervals in the glass factory for a period of fourteen years, commencing as an errand boy and working his way upward to the position of a packer. From his earliest years he had won local renown as a baseball player, having a strong arm and an unerring aim, and he played with the local Homestead team for several seasons, and it was soon apparent that he was above the ordinary player. This called the attention of the public to him, and he was finally chosen to play in the Iron and Oil League, at Titusville, Pennsylvania. In May, of that year, he went to Easton, and finished the season with the Paterson (New Jersey) team in which "Honus" John Henry Wagner was then playing. He was then drafted by the National League, but having injured his arm he was obliged to abandon ball playing. In 1900 he commenced working in the Homestead plant of the Carnegie Steel Company. He is a Republican in politics, was elected tax collector of the borough of Homestead in 1903, and held that office continuously until 1914. He is serving as one of the directors of the Oil and Gas Company, and lives at No. 315 Twelfth avenue, Homestead. His fraternal affiliation is with the Knights of Pythias and the Knights of Malta. Mr. Gray married, November 12, 1896, Stella L., daughter of Peter and Louise Stemler, of Homestead, of German descent, now deceased; he was a glass worker. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have had children: Naomi, a student at the high school; Ruth, Ella, Charles.

HAECKLER

Father John B. Haeckler, the rector of St. Henry's Catholic Church at St. Clair, Pennsylvania, is a native of Germany, and one of a family of ten children, five of whom besides our subject have come to this country, exemplifying in themselves the best type of German-American citizenship which has added so valuable an element to the complex fabric of the American population, and engrafted upon it their own stalwart virtues of steadfast religious faith and unwearying pursuit of their objectives.

Anton Haeckler, father of Father Haeckler, was a clockmaker of Voehrenbach, Baden, Germany, passed his entire life in his native region and was the father of ten children, six of whom emigrated from the "Fatherland" and made their home in the great republic of the "New World." These consisted, besides the subject of this sketch, of one brother and four sisters, the brother being Charles Haeckler, now a resident of

McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Two of the sisters are now living at Tomlinson's Run, Pennsylvania, and are now Mrs. Annie Sweitzer and Mrs. Mary Sweitzer. A third sister is now Mrs. Adalaide Steimer, of Homestead, Pennsylvania, and a fourth is dead. This fourth sister joined an order of nuns and entered the convent known as the "Millvale House," at Millvale, Pennsylvania, where she took the name of Sister Hildegard, and eventually rose to be mother superior of the convent. The remaining four children remained in Germany, where they eventually died.

Father John B. Haeckler, the ninth child of Anton and Emma (Emmerentia) Haeckler, was born in Voehrenbach, in the Dukedom of Baden, Germany, June 22, 1863. He spent the early years of life in his native land, and received the first portion of his education in the Gymnasium at Marherau, Austria, near the city of Briganz. When but seventeen years of age, he emigrated to the United States, and there resumed his studies in the school at Herman, Butler county, Pennsylvania, where he had taken up his abode in the new land. He graduated from this school two years later. At that time he was already aware of his call to the priesthood and was turning his studies into the appropriate channels for this purpose. He next attended St. Francis College at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the excellent course in philosophy there, and upon completing this, returned east and matriculated at St. Mary's College in Baltimore, where he took three years in theology. Father Haeckler was ordained in the year 1886 by Cardinal Gibbons, and was at once made assistant at the Church of St. Joseph, Bloomfield, Pennsylvania. Here he remained for two years, and then was given the pastorate of the Church of St. Agnes at Tomlinson's Run, Pennsylvania, a post which he retained for twelve years. He was then pastor of St. Alphonsus' Church at Wexford, Pennsylvania, for three years, and in 1904 was sent to his present flock. At the time that he reached them there was but one church building in St. Clair, St. Joseph's, which all Catholics had to attend, though on account of its distance from some sections of the borough this was a great inconvenience. Finally a few representative men of the region about Mount Oliver, led by the Messrs. Andrew B. and Francis A. Armhein, were successful in organizing a new congregation, which later became known as St. Henry's. About one hundred and fifty families made up the little flock when Father Haeckler first ministered to them, and a small frame building was quickly put up adequate for them to meet in. With the rapid development of that community, and the wise management of Father Haeckler, the growth of the parish was very rapid, and before the expiration of the first year the church was too small to seat the congregation. The next building was erected the same year, and was a much larger structure composed of red brick, trimmed with buff brick. It was built sufficiently large to include a parochial school which now numbers six teachers and three hundred and fifty pupils. Since that time there has been added a handsome new convent building with accommodation for twelve nuns. Father Haeckler is a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit

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Association and the Knights of St. George. He is much beloved by his flock, and a powerful influence for good, not only among them but in the community at large, setting a standard of conduct, alike by precept and example, of which even the most vicious and light-minded cannot fail to take note.

QUINN

The first Quinn of this branch to come to the United States was Hugh Quinn, born in Wales, who at fifteen years of age left his native land and about the year 1800 arrived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. There he learned the carpenter's trade and became a contracting builder. When about forty-five years of age he purchased a farm in Robinson township, Allegheny county, and on it resided until his death. He was a man small in stature, but very energetic, industrious and capable. He was a Whig in politics, and a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He married and had ten children, now all deceased: 1. Mary, married Louis Bates, of Pittsburgh. 2. John, of further mention. 3. Harriet, married Alexandria Adams. 4. Nancy, married John Davis. 5. Daniel, a carpenter, moved to Missouri. 6. William, owned and operated a farm on the Steubenville turnpike, in Robinson township. 7. Catherine, married John Cooper, who was killed in battle during the Civil War. 8. Isabella, twin of Catherine, married John Stewart. 9. Sarah, died unmarried. 10. Rebecca, married Joseph Delks, of Pittsburgh.

(II) John Quinn, second son of Hugh Quinn, of Wales, was born in Robinson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in May, 1816, died in March, 1905. His boyhood and youth were spent on the paternal farm in Robinson township, and in the public schools acquiring a good education. He learned the carpenter's trade during his minority, working under his father's instructions. He, however, had a love for the soil and as soon as he was of legal age abandoned his trade and began farming, renting a farm near his parents. Later he inherited a part of the homestead and until crippled by an accident was engaged in cultivating his own acres. This accident occurred when he was thirty-five years of age, and for several years thereafter he could do little active work, but was employed as toll-gate keeper on the Steubenville pike. He later moved to Pittsburgh and worked at his trade, but four years later returned to his farm on which he resided for some years, but at his death was living in McDonald, Pennsylvania. Both he and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian Church.

He married Jane Johnson, born in Finley township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1823, died in 1903, daughter of William and Margaret (Adams) Johnson. William Johnson was born in county Down, Ireland, coming to the United States when eighteen years of age, settling in Pittsburgh, later in Robinson township, living on a rented farm. About 1855 he moved to Macon county, West Virginia, purchasing a farm of one hundred and sixty acres there. He was a large able bodied man, a strong Union sympathizer but had little trouble with his Southern neighbors as

there were many Unionists in the county. Both he and his wife were United Presbyterians. He married Margaret Adams, born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, one of the early prominent families of the county. He died aged eighty-three years; she at the age of eighty-six years. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson: 1. Margaret, married William Hill, of Macon county, West Virginia. 2. Elizabeth, died unmarried, aged twenty-five years. 3. Thomas, married in West Virginia, and owned a farm in Macon county. 4. Susanna, married William Harper, of Washington county, Pennsylvania. 5. Frances, married Rev. Louis Greenlee, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of West Virginia. 6. Jane, married John Quinn, of previous mention. 7. James, served three years in the Union army, as a cavalryman, died unmarried in 1868. Children of John and Jane (Johnson) Quinn: 1. Hugh, a farmer and carpenter of Robinson township, now deceased. 2. William Johnson, of further mention. 3. Minerva, married Louis Lauer, now a prosperous farmer of Beaver county, Pennsylvania. 4. Louis, a painter by trade, residing near Danville, Virginia, where he also conducts a small store. 5. John, died of scarlet fever, aged twelve years. 6. Margaret, also a victim of scarlet fever, died at the age of ten years. 7. Bella G., a school teacher, died in 1889.

(III) William Johnson Quinn, second son of John and Jane (Johnson) Quinn, was born in Robinson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 20, 1844. He was educated in the public schools of Robinson and Moon townships, and was his father's assistant until seventeen years of age, when he enlisted in the Union army. He entered the service, August 20, 1862, served in Company A, of the Sixth Regiment, Young's Battery Heavy Artillery. He served throughout the war and was mustered out with an honorable discharge, June 16, 1865. After the war he located in Pittsburgh, working at and learning the carpenter's trade, serving three years under Frazer Brothers, contractors and builders of that city. He then worked two years for Cochran Brothers, then formed the contracting firm of Moore & Quinn, carrying on a building contracting business in Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, for three years. The firm then dissolved, Mr. Quinn going to Verona, Pennsylvania, where for eighteen months he worked in a planing mill. In 1877 he moved to Crafton, Pennsylvania, and in 1879 to Ingram, where he erected his present residence at No. 42 McKee street, and has since that date conducted a prosperous contracting business. He is well-known and highly-regarded, perhaps half of the houses erected in Ingram since he began business having been built under his direction. He is a skilled mechanic and an honorable builder. An ardent Republican, he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln, when a candidate for re-election to the presidency and has always remained loyal to the party honored by the martyred president. Both he and his wife are charter members of the United Presbyterian Church of Ingram, Mr. Quinn having served as trustee.

Mr. Quinn married, in 1871, Amelia Emerick, born in Butler county, Pennsylvania. Children: 1. Mabel, married Frank McCurdy, a banker, of

Ingram. 2. John M., a carpenter, of Pittsburgh. 3. Bella J., resides at home. 4. William G., a carpenter, associated in business with his father. 5. Albert, resides at home. 6. Edwin B., a painter of Ingram. 7. Stella, died aged three and a half years.

SERENA

Of this generation of the Serena family we know there were sisters and brothers as follows: 1. Samuel, a coal miner and river man; married Mary Ann Barnes. 2. Jacob, of further mention. 3. John, a farmer of Ligonier Valley. 4. A sister, who married ——, a farmer and householder at Rosston, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania.

(II) Jacob Serena was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, and was a river man and a coal miner. He married Mary Norris, and had children: 1. David, who was employed at the tipples in the coal mines at McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 2. Barbara, lived in McKeesport. 3. John, of further mention. 4. Elizabeth, married James Means, a coal miner, and lived at Wild Cat Hollow, on the Youghiogheny river. 5. Ann, married William McMullen, a coal merchant and hotel proprietor at McKeesport. 6. Sarah, married Hezekiah Long, a farmer of Allegheny county, who served as a soldier in the Civil War. 7. Joseph, lived in Cincinnati, where he had a retail coal yard in association with Dan Stone; married Clara Dunlap.

(III) John Serena, son of Jacob and Mary (Norris) Serena, was born at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, and in early manhood worked on the Monongahela river as a boatman. He then became a worker in the coal mines near McKeesport, and rose to the position of superintendent of the mines across from McKeesport. In 1882 he founded the John Serena Company, in McKeesport, which handles retail coal and builders' supplies, and soon built up a remarkable business. He had his office and yards at the bridge over the Youghiogheny river at the foot of Fifth avenue. His death occurred in 1904. He was noted for his ability as an organizer and had a high standing in the business world. He served his community as a member of the borough council. He and his wife were members of the Second Presbyterian Church. He married Maria Jane White, who died in March, 1911. Children: 1. and 2. Belle and Ella, who died unmarried. 3. Anna, lives in McKeesport. 4. J. Frank, of further mention. 5. J. Elmer, now president of the John Serena Company. 6. Ida, married F. M. Rhodes, and lives in McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

(IV) J. Frank Serena, son of John and Maria Jane (White) Serena, was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, in September, 1859, died April 26, 1910. His entire life was spent in McKeesport and its vicinity, and as a boy he commenced working in the mines under the supervision of his father. Later he worked in the pipe-threading department of the National Tube Works, and in 1882 became associated with his father when the latter organized the John Serena Company, and was subsequently admitted

as a partner to this concern with which he was actively identified until his death. His religious affiliation was with the Presbyterian Church. He married Mary Elizabeth Deitrich, born at South Side, Pittsburgh, in 1871, died in 1892, leaving an only child, Earl F.

(V) Earl F. Serena, son of J. Frank and Mary Elizabeth (Deitrich) Serena, was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, June 21, 1889. He attended the public schools until 1904, and then spent four years at the Staunton Military Academy, Virginia. In 1908-09 he was a student at the University of Michigan, and from 1909 to 1912 he studied law at the Syracuse University. While there he was a member of the Zeta Psi fraternity. In 1912 he located in his home town, McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and was elected to the vice-presidency of the John Serena Company, in whose interests he has been an active worker since that time. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Royal Arcanum and Junior Order of American Mechanics. Mr. Serena married Helen C. Vaughn, a native of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania; they have one child, James Franklin.

McMURRAY

Descendant of Scotch ancestry, the north of Ireland is the locality whence came Joseph McMurray, the immigrant ancestor of his line, one of the present day representatives of which is Ulysses G. McMurray, of this record. After his marriage in his native land Joseph McMurray came to the United States, settling in what is now South Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, about 1820. Here he purchased and cleared land, which he cultivated for a time, then moved to Noblestown, where he was engaged in mercantile dealings until his death, about 1838. He had married, in Ireland, Martha Wilson, who survived him, marrying a second time, her husband being William Radcliffe, her death occurring in Noblestown, Pennsylvania, in 1856. Both are buried at Braddock, Pennsylvania. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. Children of Joseph and Martha (Wilson) McMurray: 1. Anne Jane, married (first) a Mr. Brookins, (second) William Reis, and died at Newcastle, Pennsylvania. 2. John, of whom further. 3. Andrew Jackson, died in infancy. 4. A child, died in infancy. 5. Joseph, a gold miner, died in California in 1856. 6. Thomas, died in 1852, while journeying to California to join his brother, Joseph, in the gold fields of California. 7. George Washington, born December 14, 1832, died at Crafton, Pennsylvania, in 1913, a retired butcher, the last survivor of the children of Joseph and Martha (Wilson) McMurray. 8. William, a retired merchant of Crafton, Pennsylvania. 9. Catherine, married Samuel Watters, and died in South Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 10. Margaret, died aged four years. 11. Eliza, married John D. Robb, and died on a farm near Oakdale, Pennsylvania.

(II) John McMurray, son of Joseph and Martha (Wilson) McMurray, was born in South Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 5, 1822, died in Oakdale, Pennsylvania, August 15, 1900. He grew

to man's estate on the home farm, and for a time after his marriage lived on the homestead, then moving to Ohio, where he lived for about two years. At the end of this time he returned to the locality of his birth, purchasing one hundred and ten acres of land from Hugh Wallace, residing thereon until 1882, then buying the James Pollock farm in South Fayette township and there made his home, retaining title to the former. After his retirement from active life he bought a house in Oakdale where he lived until his death, his wife dying three years later. Eight oil wells, all producing at the present time, were driven on his land, and he became one of the most prosperous men of the neighborhood. He was active in local affairs, holding Democratic political views, and with his wife belonged to the Presbyterian Church. He married Margaret Caldwell, born in North Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1823, died in 1903, daughter of Irish parents, early settlers of North Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where her father was a farmer and land owner. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell were the parents of: 1. William, a cigar manufacturer, died in Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side) Pennsylvania. 2. John, a railroad employee, resides in Cleveland, Ohio. 3. Joseph, lives retired in Brookline, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, a veteran of the Civil War. 4. Alexander, twin of Joseph, died in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, a veteran of the Civil War. 5. Martha, married (first) George Snair, (second) Cassius Lucas, both deceased, and lives in Avalon, Pennsylvania. 6. Ann, died unmarried. 7. Sarah, married Frederick Bennett, and lives in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 8. Jane, married a Mr. Kephart, and died in South Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 9. Margaret, of previous mention, married John McMurray. Children of John and Margaret (Caldwell) McMurray: 1. Joseph, lives retired in Oakdale, Pennsylvania. 2. George W., met an accidental death in a boiler explosion, died on the old homestead. 3. Thomas, died at home, aged nineteen years. 4. Robert, a farmer, lives on part of the homestead. 5. Ulysses G., of whom further. 6. Edward R., a resident of Pittsburgh. 7. William, a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War, was taken captive and died in Andersonville prison. Four other children died in infancy.

(III) Ulysses G. McMurray, son of John and Margaret (Caldwell) McMurray, was born in North Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1865. As a youth he was a student in the public schools and Oakdale Academy, where all of his scholastic training was received. He entered business as an employee of the Duquesne National Bank, at Pittsburgh, where he remained for three years, and after his marriage was the proprietor of a cigar and tobacco store in that place, his residence in Oakdale. At the present time he is an extensive dealer in real estate and also holds agencies for several reputable fire insurance companies, among them the North British, the Mercantile, and the Pittsburgh Underwriters', the last virtually a consolidation of four companies. Mr. McMurray was in 1902 elected a justice of the peace of Oakdale, an office to which he was

successively re-elected in 1907 and 1913, now serving in that capacity. As a Democrat he has ever been a prominent personage in local political and public affairs, for five years being clerk of the council, afterward a member of that body, holding its presidency for two years. His record as a public servant, though it be searched from his humblest duty to his highest, reveals naught but careful fidelity to trust reposed in him, and exact fulfillment of every commission placed in his hands, while those who have come into association with him in the business world know that in all things he is honorable, upright and fair. He fraternizes with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. McMurray married, in 1885, Kate, born in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, daughter of Charles and Sarah Gamble, and has children: 1. Homer, a locomotive fireman, resides in East Carnegie, Pennsylvania. 2. Clyde, an employee of the Armstrong Cork Company, lives at home. 3. Paul, died aged two years. 4. Clare, twin of Paul, died aged two years. The family home is on Spring avenue, Oakdale, Pennsylvania, where Mr. McMurray caused a house to be built in 1892.

MURRAY

George Murray, a native of Scotland, located in Londonderry, Ireland, and in 1790 married Sara Montooth, of county Derry, and became the father of William, of further mention, Henry and John. In 1795 he came to America, locating at Braddock's Field, Pennsylvania, where he died in 1797. Henry and John went to Ohio, then to Illinois, and their descendants are scattered throughout the west.

(II) William Murray, son of George Murray, was born in county Derry, Ireland, in 1791, was brought to America at the age of four years. At a suitable age he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade, and later was a baker on the North Side, Pittsburgh. In 1830 he purchased a farm about seven miles south of the Ohio river, in what is now Bethel township. This consisted of about two hundred acres of partially improved land, and he cleared more of it and farmed it until his death in 1870. He took an active part in local political affairs. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian Church, and both are buried in Mount Lebanon Cemetery. Mr. Murray married Jane Gailey, and they had children: James Gailey, of further mention; Sara, married Rev. Dr. Robert R. Gailey, and died in Ohio in 1900; John D., is now eighty-nine years of age, and lives on a part of the original Murray homestead; Henry Harrison, spent his entire life on the Murray homestead, and died there November 7, 1907.

(III) James Gailey Murray, son of William and Jane (Gailey) Murray, was born June 21, 1820, in Peters township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, where his parents were living temporarily. His early years were spent on his father's farm in what is now Bethel township, and in young man-

hood he established himself in the mercantile business in Allegheny City, now a part of Pittsburgh, on East lane and Madison avenue, where he remained five years, and then removed to Sodom, where he conducted a general store until 1867. Removing to Bridgeville, he continued his mercantile activities there, and also conducted a saw and grist mill until his election as county commissioner and afterwards as county treasurer of Allegheny county. He was always prominent in the political life of the community, served as a member of the school board, as a member of the board of the State Reform School. In his youth he had been a staunch Abolitionist, and was one of the organizers of the Republican party in Allegheny county in 1856. With three or four others, he prepared the famous "Split Tree Banner" carried in the parades and rallies at the time of the first election of Abraham Lincoln. He served as a member of the county committee. He attended the Presbyterian Church, and was a member and treasurer of the building committee of the old church. In addition to all the above mentioned activities, in 1869-71, he was one of the organizers of the Chartiers Railway Company, and succeeded in getting the right of way for its construction. Mr. Murray married Elizabeth Boyer, born near Library, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Jacob Boyer, an old settler in that section. They had children: Albert Boyer, a merchant in Bridgeville; William H., died at the age of twenty-two years; Emma Jane, died at the age of twenty years; James Frank, of further mention; George Piersol, a member of the Allegheny county bar; Annie Matilda, now deceased; married Robert N. McElroy; Grant Simpson, of further mention.

(IV) James Frank Murray, son of James Gailey and Elizabeth (Boyer) Murray, was born at Sodom, near Bethel and Bridgeville, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, August 19, 1857. His earlier education was acquired in the public schools in the vicinity of his home, and he then became a student at the Western University. In his boyhood he assisted his father in the store of the latter, and he was in office as first assistant cashier while his father was county treasurer, 1877-78. From 1879 to 1881 he was assistant sergeant-at-arms in the Pennsylvania state senate, after which he was in the internal revenue service until 1883. For some time he was then superintendent of the document department in the Pennsylvania senate, then returned to the revenue service. Abandoning politics, he became interested in the management of the Chartiers Railway Company, of which he was a director, an office he held until it was absorbed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in 1906. He and his brother, Grant Simpson, were the proprietors of the Builders' Supply Company on the North Side, Pittsburgh. They sold this business, and February 9, 1910, again in partnership with his brother, Grant Simpson, opened offices for the conduct of a brokerage business on the third floor of the Union Bank Building, Pittsburgh, and have been located there since that time, doing a general brokerage business. They operate under the firm name of Murray Brothers, and are members of the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange. Mr. Murray is a director of the Bridgeville

Trust Company, the Waynesburg Home Gas Company, the Virginia Crown Orchard Company, and a member of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce. He resided in Pittsburgh seventeen years, but in recent years has made his home in Bridgeville, where some of his younger years were spent. There he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, has served as deacon, and was treasurer of the building committee when the present building was erected.

Mr. Murray married, April 21, 1887, Sara Lewis, born in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Thomas and Justine (Lewis) Davitt, and a descendant of an old family. They have had children: Amos Lewis, died in infancy; Thomas Davitt, born August 29, 1892, a graduate of the Washington and Jefferson College, and a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, now a student in the law department of the University of Pittsburgh.

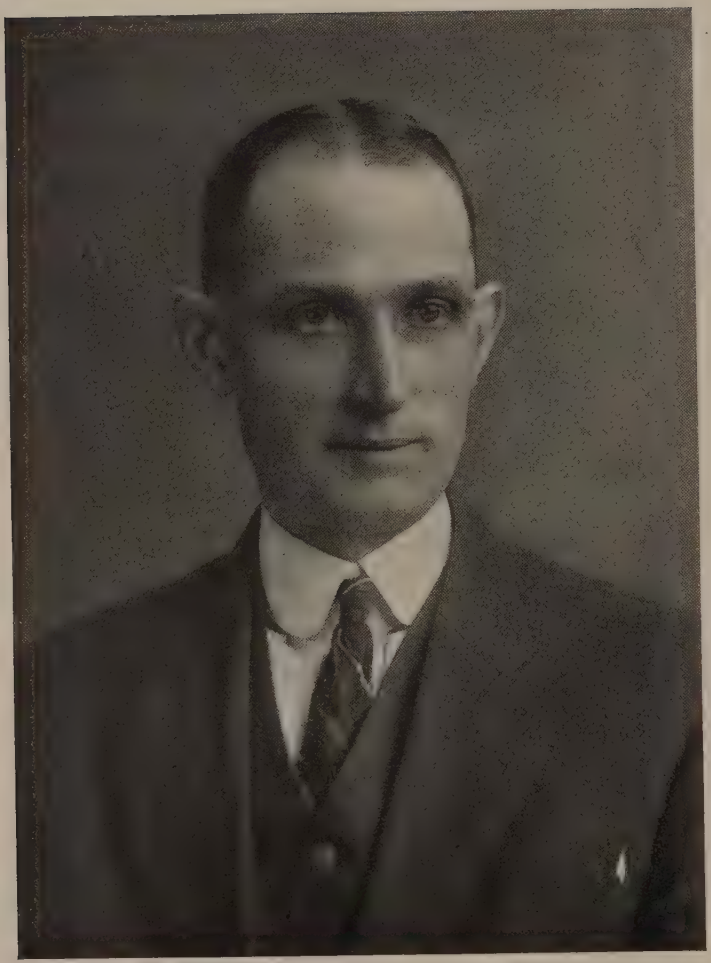
(IV) Grant Simpson Murray, son of James Gailey and Elizabeth (Boyer) Murray, was born in Upper St. Clair township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 22, 1865. He was educated at the Bridgeville public school from whence he went to the Western University, after which he became connected with the Keystone Bridge Company, of Pittsburgh, with whom he remained for a period of six years. He and his brother, James Frank, then formed a partnership and organized the Builders' Supply Company, under the name of Murray Brothers, in 1890, continuing it until 1910, their establishment being located on Sandusky street, North Side. Upon selling this in 1910, they established themselves in the brokerage business in the Union Bank Building, and are still located there. Mr. Murray is a member of the Pittsburgh Stock Exchange and represents the firm on the floor of the Exchange. He is a member of a number of organizations, among them being the following: Lodge No. 45, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is a past master; Pittsburgh Consistory, Royal and Select Masters; Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Tariff Club; Friendship Avenue Presbyterian Church. He resides in East End, Pittsburgh.

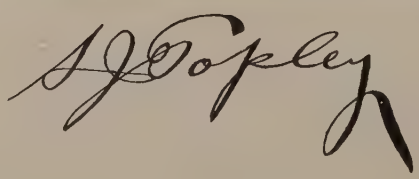
Mr. Murray married, October 27, 1892, Nellie, born in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Edward N. and Mary Hurd, and they have children: Margaret, a graduate of Miss Shaw's School, in Pittsburgh; Lawrence, a student at East Liberty Academy; Elizabeth and Edward.

TOPLEY

Ireland has long been the home of the ancestors of Samuel J. Topley, of this chronicle, the family having been planted in the United States by his father, James Topley. James Topley was a son of James and Ann Topley, natives of Ireland, where they passed their lives, James (1) Topley dying when his son James was an infant.

(II) James (2) Topley, son of James (1) and Ann Topley, was born in Ireland, and was there educated, afterward becoming proficient at the trade of weaver. In 1866 he came to the United States, settling in North Versailles township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in





coal mining. This calling he later abandoned in favor of farming, and was so engaged until his death. He married Mary, daughter of John and Nancy Blakely, her parents natives of Ireland, where her father was killed in a boiler explosion, her mother emigrating to the United States in 1866. Children of James and Mary (Blakely) Topley: Ann, Susan, Mary, Margaret, James, Agnes, Rachel, Samuel J., of whom further, Nellie, William.

(III) Samuel J. Topley, son of James (2) and Mary (Blakely) Topley, was born in North Versailles township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 30, 1875. As a youth he attended the local schools, and after finishing his studies learned the trade of brass finisher, at which he was occupied for seventeen years. In 1907 Mr. Topley withdrew from this business and entered real estate dealing in East McKeesport, where he continues in that line at this time. Although his business interests are in East McKeesport, he retains his residence in North Versailles township. For the past ten years Mr. Topley has been a justice of the peace, an office from which he retired in May, 1914. For eleven years he discharged the duties of township clerk, and in November, 1913, was elected township treasurer, which position he now fills. He is a member of the Masonic Order, belonging to Tyrian Lodge, No. 612, Aliquippa Lodge, Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Mystic Chain, the Royal Arcanum, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He is prominent in public life, and as the incumbent of the offices previously mentioned has served faithfully and well, receiving from his fellows naught but commendation. His business is in a most flourishing condition, and in the seven years that he has dealt in real estate he has acquired a patronage that has been constantly on the increase, his reputation growing through the successful deals that he has directed.

Mr. Topley married, May 11, 1896, Zelma Sarver, of North Versailles township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and has children: Chalmers R., Homer L., John G., Blanche L.

McNEILLY

George Fetterman McNeilly is descended on both sides of the house from very old and distinguished families, his father's family having been prominent in Ireland at least as far back as 1640, and one branch of his maternal ancestry having been well known in England from a still earlier date. The McNeilly family were for many generations residents of that most picturesque section of a lovely country, county Antrim, Ireland, and were members of the local aristocracy. Their arms, dating from early times, are a lymphad, sails furled, on a chief amulet. Surmounting the arms is an esquire's helmet with mantling crest, an arm in armor embowed, holding a sword. Motto over crest: *Vincere vel Mori.* One of the name was present at the famous siege of Londonderry when the city made good its defence against the arms of England, ordered against it by James II. A McNeilly fought under the command of Colonel Upton, the squire of the parish, and later returned in safety to his home, none the worse for the sanguinary struggle he had been engaged in. There is an interesting reference in the report of

the Society for the Preservation of the Memorials of the Dead, to the McNeilly family. "McNeilly-1740," runs the report, "This family is now scarce in the parish, and unfortunately the old stone bearing these arms was destroyed some years ago. The present stone bears date 1807. To members of this family were 'Elders of Session of Templepatrick, being publickly admitted and sworn with prayer and fasting ye 22nd day of November, being ye Lord's day, 1646.'"

(I) Coming down to more recent times we find record of Andrew McNeilly, the grandfather of George F. McNeilly, and a prominent man in his county. He lived his entire life in county Antrim, finally dying there, and all his life was connected with the great linen industry for which Ulster is justly famous. He and his wife were both members of the Presbyterian Church. He married Martha Boyd, also a native of county Antrim. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Joseph, of whom further; John, a bachelor, now following the occupation of gardening in Mount Lebanon township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, having emigrated to the United States in his youth; James, who also came to the United States, and engaged in farming and gardening in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he eventually died; Andrew, also a resident of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he holds the position of stable boss at Beadling; Robert, a farmer of Mount Lebanon township; Elizabeth, deceased, became Mrs. James Leeburn, and continued a resident of county Antrim, Ireland. Besides those above enumerated, there were two other children who died in very early youth in county Antrim.

(II) Joseph McNeilly, son of Andrew McNeilly, was born in the fall of the year 1826, in county Antrim, Ireland. He spent his childhood and youth in his native land, subsequently setting sail for the United States, in the hope and belief that greater opportunities awaited him in the vast new republic of the west than at home. In this example he was followed by all his brothers, the one sister being the only one to remain in the place of their birth. Coming to Pennsylvania, he married Mrs. Hannah Maria (Fetterman) Silk, the widow of Joseph Silk, a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War, who was killed at Chattanooga, and the mother of two children, Lucy and Josephine, only the latter of whom was living at the time of her mother's second marriage, and who later married Samuel Anderson, of Dormont, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Joseph McNeilly was the daughter of Nathaniel Plummer and Anna Maria (Dillon) Fetterman, and was born in Beaver, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1842. Nathaniel Plummer Fetterman was born February 13, 1805, on the old Fetterman homestead in Beaver county. He studied for the law and practiced for a time in Beaver, Pennsylvania, but later removed to Pittsburgh, where he continued for the remainder of his life and built up a large practice. He was the son of George and Hannah (Plummer) Fetterman, the former of German descent, but a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, who in his youth removed to Allegheny county and was married. He had

three children by his wife but was then divorced from her. Nathaniel Plummer Fetterman married Anna Maria Dillon, December 28, 1828, and had ten children, as follows: Martha Eliza, who later became Mrs. Thomas Collins; Virginia Dillon, deceased, became Mrs. Captain William Blake; Lawrence Tolliver; Anna Valeria, became Mrs. Joseph Claybaugh; Charles Sylvester; Hannah Maria, who married Joseph McNeilly; George Humphrey, a resident of Castle Shannon, Pennsylvania; Washington Wilfred and Nathaniel Plummer, twins; Emily Johnston, who died at the age of twenty years.

It was through Hannah Plummer, the wife of George Fetterman, and great-grandmother of George F. McNeilly, that the old New England stock was introduced into the family. The first Plummers in this country were Francis and Ruth Plummer, husband and wife, both natives of England, who came to the American colonies in the year 1633, and settled in Newbury, Massachusetts, two years later. One of their sons, Joseph Plummer, was born in England in 1630, and came to America when but three years of age. He later married Sarah Cherrey, and died in 1683. Following the direct line of descent we come to a son of the last named couple, one Jonathan Plummer, born May 16, 1668, who passed his life in his native state of Massachusetts, and married Sarah Pearson. Next in order of descent was John Plummer, born in Massachusetts in the year 1697, and who married Rebecca Wheeler. Their son, another Jonathan Plummer, brings us down to revolutionary times, Jonathan Plummer serving as an officer in that momentous struggle. Not a great deal is known of him, but that he was a stout patriot and an able man. He was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, April 13, 1724, but the place of his death is unrecorded. It is known, however, that he did not continue to live in the region so long occupied by his forebears. On the contrary he did considerable moving about the country, going first to New Jersey, and later to Maryland. In the latter state he settled in Frederick county for a time, but later went to Old Town in the same state, where he was engaged in the Indian trade. He was actively engaged in the Indian troubles as well, and helped to keep General Braddock supplied during that officer's campaign in Pennsylvania against the red man, which turned out so disastrously, but gave General Washington an opportunity to distinguish himself. Mr. Plummer, indeed, left his wife and children in fort, and accompanied General Braddock to Fort Duquesne, Pennsylvania, thus reaching the neighborhood which was later to become the home of his descendants. He did not remain there, however, but later returned to Maryland. He married (first) Elizabeth Mehetable Herriman, June 6, 1744, but after her death and upon his settling in Maryland, he married (second) Sarah Farrell, of that state. Nathaniel Plummer, a son of Jonathan and Elizabeth Mehetable (Herriman) Plummer, was born March 1, 1745, in Essex county, Massachusetts. He grew up in his native place, spending the years of his youth and young manhood there, until he was about thirty-five years of age.

Then, about 1780, he moved to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, with his wife and family. Here he settled on what is now known as the Anderson Farm, within the limits of the present borough of Dormont, a location which is still the home of his descendants. In this region, then but a wilderness, he acquired a tract of some four hundred acres, which with his sons he cleared of the virgin growth and reclaimed for the purposes of agriculture. Here, also, he erected the first house in the neighborhood. This building is of stone and is still standing in a state of excellent preservation, forming one of the landmarks of the community. The stone from which it was constructed was gathered from the farm in the process of clearing it. Here Nathaniel Plummer finally came to his death, January 29, 1821, and lies buried in the old St. Clair burying ground. He married Hannah Jones, also a native of Massachusetts, where she was born July 6, 1745, surviving her husband six years. To them were born seven children, as follows: Elizabeth, born March 24, 1769; Hetty, born March 19, 1771; Samuel, born October 6, 1772, died October 10, 1810; Nathaniel, born August 14, 1775; Arnold, born April 9, 1778, died in infancy; Walker, born December 28, 1779, died at the age of two years; Hannah, born June 15, 1783, who later became the wife of George Fetterman. Her birth took place in the old stone house already mentioned, and she met Mr. Fetterman, when as a very young man he settled in Allegheny county. After her divorce from Mr. Fetterman, she continued to reside in the old Fetterman homestead with her three children: Nathaniel, the grandfather of George F. McNeilly; Washington, who became a well known lawyer of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and for whose son Gilbert the Marquis of Lafayette stood sponsor in baptism, on the occasion of that great man's visit to the city; George, who graduated from West Point and became an officer in the United States army, but died finally on the old homestead. Mrs. Fetterman was an extremely capable woman, and of the most enterprising nature. She raised silkworms and hops for the support of herself and her children, and directed the whole farm with great success. She was afterwards married to Dr. Ruggles Sylvester, and had two children, both of whom, however, died in early youth. Nathaniel Fetterman, whose life has already been briefly noticed in this sketch, was the father of Mrs. McNeilly, the mother of George F. McNeilly.

After their marriage on January 1, 1873, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McNeilly settled in Scott township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and engaged in farming and gardening on a property of some sixty acres, purchased by him. The place was larger than he cared to manage, however, and he sold a portion of it, and later the remainder, making the latter sale about 1875. In the same year he bought a smaller place of about six and a half acres, in what was then known as West Liberty borough, and here he has lived ever since. Mr. McNeilly is now known as the oldest farmer and gardener in the Pittsburgh region, his farm being now included within that city's limits. He is a member of the Republican party and today takes

as keen an interest as ever in the great questions and issues before the country. Both he and Mrs. McNeilly are members of the United Presbyterian Church. They are the parents of but one child, George Fetterman, of whom further.

(III) George Fetterman McNeilly, only child of Joseph and Hannah Maria (Fetterman) McNeilly, was born October 8, 1873, in Scott township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He was educated at the local public schools, and upon completing his studies he took up farming and gardening, the occupation of his father. This he has continued always down to the present time, despite his other interests, and still superintends the running of the home place. At the time of the organization of the borough of Dormont, when real estate values were increasing, Mr. McNeilly became interested in real estate in his region, and has successfully operated in the same, having already built some seven houses in the borough. He is a man of substance and of influence in his community, and takes an active part in the life of the borough. He is a member of the Republican party, as was also his father, and is vitally interested in all political questions whether of local or national bearing.

Mr. McNeilly married, June 16, 1908, Margaret Lindsay Leeburn, a native of county Antrim, Ireland, whence Mr. McNeilly's own people came, and a daughter of James and Elizabeth (McNeilly) Leeburn. Mrs. Leeburn is now dead, but Mr. Leeburn is still residing in county Antrim. Mrs. McNeilly was born there, December 26, 1876, but came in her youth to the United States, and made her home in Pennsylvania, where she met Mr. McNeilly. They are the parents of one child, Martha Leeburn, born June 21, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. McNeilly are both staunch members of the Presbyterian Church, attending St. Clair United Presbyterian Church, and are active in supporting it and its many benevolences.

BIDDLESTONE

William Biddlestone was born in West Bromwich, Staffordshire, England, and there spent his entire life. He was a worker in the iron mills, and he and his wife were members of the Episcopal Church. He married Abigail Morris, and they had children: Isaac, of further mention; Solomon, a mill man; Joseph, also a mill man; Caroline, married James Whitehouse. All died in England.

(II) Isaac Biddlestone, son of William and Abigail (Morris) Biddlestone, was born in the same town as his father, and was employed in the heating department of the iron mills. He died at the age of thirty-two years. For a number of years he had been bell ringer of Christ Church, and he is buried in the church yard. He married Catherine Stephen, who married (second) Hazard Parker, and died at about the age of sixty-three years. She was also a member of the Episcopal Church, and is buried in the old Parish church yard. She was a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Partridge) Stephen, both natives of West Bromwich, where he was

a blacksmith, and who had children: Hannah, Sarah, Catherine, Jane, Edward, Thomas. Mr. and Mrs. Biddlestone had children: Samuel, of further mention; Harriet, married William King Jr., came to America, and died at Muncie, Indiana; Thomas W., now baggage master at McKeesport for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company; Peter, died at the age of twelve years; Lydia, married John Blick, and lives in Smethwick, England; Elizabeth, married, and lives in Sheffield, England.

(III) Samuel Biddlestone, son of Isaac and Catherine (Stephen) Biddlestone, was born in West Bromwich, Staffordshire, England, October 27, 1861. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, and there learned the blacksmith's trade, with which he was identified until he came to this country. He arrived in America in 1881 by way of Canada, and in July of the same year settled at McKeesport, whose interests he has had at heart since that time. For a period of three years he worked at his trade in the employ of the National Tube Works, then entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, being station baggage master eight years and bill clerk one year. In August, 1893, he established himself in the transfer business, commencing with two wagons, and the same year bought out the McKeesport Transfer Company, which he has conducted since that time, for general transfer and storage, having added a storage plant about 1904. He now employs four teams and wagons and about eight men. Until recently he was a Republican in politics but is now a Socialist. He and his wife are members of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, in which he is secretary of the board of vestrymen. He is a member of the Workmen of the World, the Knights of Malta, the Sons of St. George and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Mr. Biddlestone married, November 29, 1884, Charlotte, born in the same town as her husband, and a daughter of Sidney Barnett. They have had children: Percy S., born in 1885, died November 28, 1911, married Pearl Rader, and had one daughter, Charlotte Belle; William B., in business with his father, married Mary Schrieber, and has children, William Samuel and Ruth Eleanor; Elsie, married Carl Lottig, and has a daughter, Lois Elizabeth; Mabel, died in infancy; Clifford Charles; Bessie; Herbert; Milton, died in infancy; Elizabeth, died in infancy; Dorothy; George.

OLIVER

A representative of an English ancestry, also a native of England, Robert Oliver, for many years a resident of McKeesport, is a man whose career is well worthy of emulation, having attained a place of prominence in the business world, well known and respected by all with whom he is brought in contact, either in business or social life.

Richard Oliver, father of Robert Oliver, was born, lived and died in Stolbridge, Dorsetshire, England, where he followed the trade of baker, and won the esteem of his neighbors by his upright character and mode of life. His wife, Elizabeth (Harris) Oliver, who also was born, lived and

died in Stolbridge, England, bore him four children: Julia; Henrietta; Robert, of whom further; John, who emigrated to the United States, July 12, 1871, and settled in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he was a merchant tailor for many years, achieving a certain degree of success; he was reared and educated in Stolbridge, England; he never married; his death occurred October 31, 1894.

Robert Oliver was born in Stolbridge, Dorsetshire, England, September 8, 1846. He was reared and educated in his native place, and upon attaining a suitable age was apprenticed to Stephen Harris, his maternal grandfather, to learn the carpenter trade, of which he became a thorough master, becoming highly proficient in all its branches. In May, 1869, he left his native land for the United States, taking up his residence in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where for a number of years he worked at his trade, thus earning a lucrative livelihood. In 1873 he engaged in the contracting business, which has proved highly remunerative, he being awarded many of the contracts for work done in his adopted city, his reputation for reliable and conscientious work being well established. In 1872 he erected a residence for his own use at No. 1030 Walnut street, and in addition to this is the owner of a number of houses in McKeesport, which fact is an eloquent testimonial to his energy, thrift and enterprise. Mr. Oliver and his wife have been to England and back seven times. In May, 1877, his wife went to England on the "Indiana" from Philadelphia, and among her fellow passengers were General Grant and wife, also Jesse Grant, the journey being eleven days in duration, she arriving in Liverpool, England. In September, 1877, they again returned to England, remaining there for ten years, and at the expiration of this period of time they returned to the United States and again took up their residence in McKeesport, where they have resided ever since. Mr. Oliver is a member of the Episcopal Church, and his political support is given to the Republican party.

Mr. Oliver married, May 1, 1871, in England, Emily James, born in Dorsetshire, England, August 18, 1846, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (Foote) James, both of whom lived and died in England. Mr. and Mrs. James were the parents of eight children, namely: Mary, deceased; Joseph; James, deceased; Emily; Louisa, deceased; William, deceased; Annie, deceased; Ada. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver have no children.

WAGNER

There follows a chronicle that, could it appear before the eyes of the entire American public, would, beyond the suspicion of a doubt, receive more interested reading than almost any record of its kind, despite the fact that the greater part thereof is familiar to that same public, the biography of John Henry Wagner, "Honus" Wagner, one of the greatest exponents of America's national game.

He is a son of German parents, his father, Peter John Wagner, having been born in the village of Dirmingen, on the river Rhine, Germany, where

he grew to maturity and was married. About 1866 he came to the United States, followed in six months by his wife, settling first in Carnegie, where he was for a time employed in the mines, later becoming a hotel proprietor in Chartiers borough, now a part of Carnegie, Pennsylvania. A few years later he abandoned this pursuit and returned to mine employment, soon afterward retiring, his death occurring in 1913. He married in Dirmingen, Germany, Catherine Wolfe, there born, who died in September, 1901. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. They were the parents of nine children, three of whom died in infancy, the surviving children being as follows: Charles; Albert, a professional base-ball player, lives in Carnegie, Pennsylvania; Louis; John Henry, of whom further; Carrie; William.

John Henry Wagner, son of Peter John and Catherine (Wolfe) Wagner, was born in Mansfield Valley (Carnegie), Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1874. He was educated in the public schools, later attending private institutions, both German and English, and while a lad began to display the ability that has made him the peer of all of his profession. He was employed for a short time in the local lead works, and in 1891 made his entry into organized base-ball, playing for one year and a half in the Allegheny County League, shortstop being the position that he then chose and in which he has since remained excepting on such occasions as have made it necessary for him to strengthen some weak point on his team, in which emergencies he has filled every position excepting that of catcher. The season of 1892 found him a member of the St. Luke's team, and from that time until 1894 he played on the semi-professional team of Dennison, Ohio. Steubenville, Ohio, was at that time represented by a team of the Tri-State League, and in 1895 he was with that team in the Tri-State circuit, from 1896 until June, 1897, being with the Paterson, New Jersey, team. At that date he made his first major league appearance in the National League, wearing the uniform of the Louisville, Kentucky, team, with which organization he remained during the seasons of 1897-98-99. In 1900 he began his fourteen years' association with the Pittsburgh National League team, and as the shortstop of that aggregation has played through season after season, the reliable excellence of his play varying only to improve, always the invincible tower of strength to the Pirate team. About him have been built to fall, only to be built again, pennant contenders, pennant winners, and world's champions; to the Pittsburgh club have come stars, apparently of the first magnitude, whose light has dimmed through day after day of use and exposure; his supremacy in his position has been assailed, but to be returned to him intact; and through myriad changes in rules and regulations of this distinctively American game, he has remained steadfast, the height of his profession attained and held. Of him the Reach Official American League Baseball Guide says: "In the year 1912 Shortstop John H. Wagner, of the Pittsburgh National League Club, established a world's record by batting 300 per cent. consecutively for sixteen years—he thus passing A. C. Anson's long-standing fifteen-year

record. In the 1913 season Wagner batted just 300, thus adding another year to his world's record and making it so much harder for any other batsman to pass it in the near future—and such a batsman is not in sight at the present time, as Cobb, the only man who appears to have a chance for that honor, is hardly likely to remain in the game long enough to accomplish that feat; without considering that Wagner may add another link to his long chain in 1914." In fielding, as at the bat, he is undoubtedly superior to any of his rivals in his position, despite the fact of his forty years. The countless thousands that have been thrilled by his marvellous plays and the graceful ease with which they are executed have been obliged, through proof submitted, to acknowledge him the master of base-ball, and some odd millions of red-blooded Americans the length and breadth of the United States have so acclaimed him. He has prospered in his profession, and through wise investment is one of the most prosperous players in base-ball, but the greatest treasures that have come from him are not in his keeping; they are locked in the memories of those who have derived pleasure from his matchless performances on the diamond, the recounting of which is a story that loses none of its interest through repetition.

He finds the most enjoyable relaxation in chicken raising, and his Buff Plymouth Rocks and White Leghorns are well-known in the poultry exhibitions of the vicinity, where he bears considerable reputation as a chicken fancier. Not only is he admired by all and pride taken in him because of his base-ball fame and ability, but the irreproachable ordering of his life and his manly character have won him honor and respect such as is accorded only those who have shown worth and merit, and the friendly "Honus" that greets him in Carnegie is a tribute to more than the diamond star.

He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Kenmore Athletic Club, of New York City, and the Owls. Politically he is an Independent.

WERNER

Joseph J. Werner is one of a family representative of the best type of German-American character, which has contributed to the cosmopolitan citizenship of the United States a leaven of its own peculiar virtues, an unswerving devotion in the pursuit of an objective and great endurance in labor.

His father was Joseph Werner, a native of Germany, who passed his youth in his native land where he learned the trade of stone mason. During the revolution of 1848-49, Mr. Werner, like so many of Germany's strongest sons, felt the social conditions at home to be intolerable and turned with eager heart to the accounts of the freedom and opportunity for personal endeavor to be found in the great republic of the Western Hemisphere. It was during the same period of storm and stress that Mr. Werner actually sailed for the United States, there to make a new home

for himself and family. Transatlantic travel was not in those days what it is now, and his voyage occupied a period of forty-two days, during the course of which his vessel ran down a freighter. He finally arrived safely, however, in the port of New York, and from there travelled still farther west, principally by canal to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In this city he took up his abode and proceeded to follow the stone mason's trade, which he had learned in the "Fatherland." He eventually died in Pittsburgh, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Before leaving his native land he had married Eva Koffman, a fellow countrywoman, who accompanied him to America and died in Pittsburgh at the age of seventy-nine years. They were the parents of children, as follows: Barbara; Dortha, deceased; Mary; John, who fell into the Allegheny river at the foot of Sixth street, Pittsburgh, and was drowned; Amadeus; Joseph J., of whom further. There were two other children, a boy and a girl, both of whom died in early youth. Mr. Werner was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, attending St. Mary's Church of that denomination in Pittsburgh.

Joseph J. Werner, the seventh child of Joseph and Eva (Koffman) Werner, was born August 22, 1858, in Allegheny, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the Catholic parochial schools of his native city, but at the age of twelve and a half years he left his studies and applied himself diligently to learning the trade of painting under the tutelage of Joseph Debaugher at Troy Hill, and later served an apprenticeship of four years under Adolphus Stebner. At the end of this period he found employment as a journeyman which occupied him about a year, and in the year 1880 he entered into partnership with a Mr. Dietrich and established a painting business under the firm name of Dietrich & Werner. After eight years this successful partnership was dissolved. At the time of this dissolution the firm had two painting houses, one at Allegheny City and the other at Millvale, Pennsylvania. In the year 1886 Mr. Werner removed to Millvale and there settled, and he continued to carry on the painting business under his own name. This he did with great success until the year 1911, when he took into partnership his eldest son, Joseph M. Werner, the firm now being known as Joseph J. Werner & Son. The business is that of house painting and hardwood finishing, and has grown without pause to its present large proportions. In 1899 Mr. Werner erected a large new shop situated on North avenue, Millvale, and there he is at present located. He also erected a handsome dwelling for himself at the same time. Mr. Werner is a member of the Master House Painters' Association, of which he has been a trustee since 1891, and is now the chairman of the executive committee. Mr. Werner and his family are members of St. Ann's Catholic Church of Millvale, and he has been a trustee of the same for the past fifteen years.

Mr. Werner married, 1880, Agnes Conner, a native of London, where she was born 1859, and a resident of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, at the time of her marriage. The wedding ceremony was performed by the Right

Rev. Phelan, Bishop of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Werner have been born five children, as follows: Joseph M., of whom further; Mary, now Mrs. Edward Gorman, of Millvale, Pennsylvania, and the mother of three children, Edward, Virginia and Ethel; Agnes; Walter, employed as boy in his father's business house; Nelson, at present attending school.

Joseph M. Werner, the junior partner in his father's painting establishment, is a rising young man in Millvale. He is a staunch member of the Democratic party, takes a vital interest in all political questions, whether of local or general application, and plays an active part in the party life in his town. He has already been elected to the Millvale borough council and is the youngest man on that body. He married Miss O'Connell, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. To them has been born a daughter, Rebecca Werner.

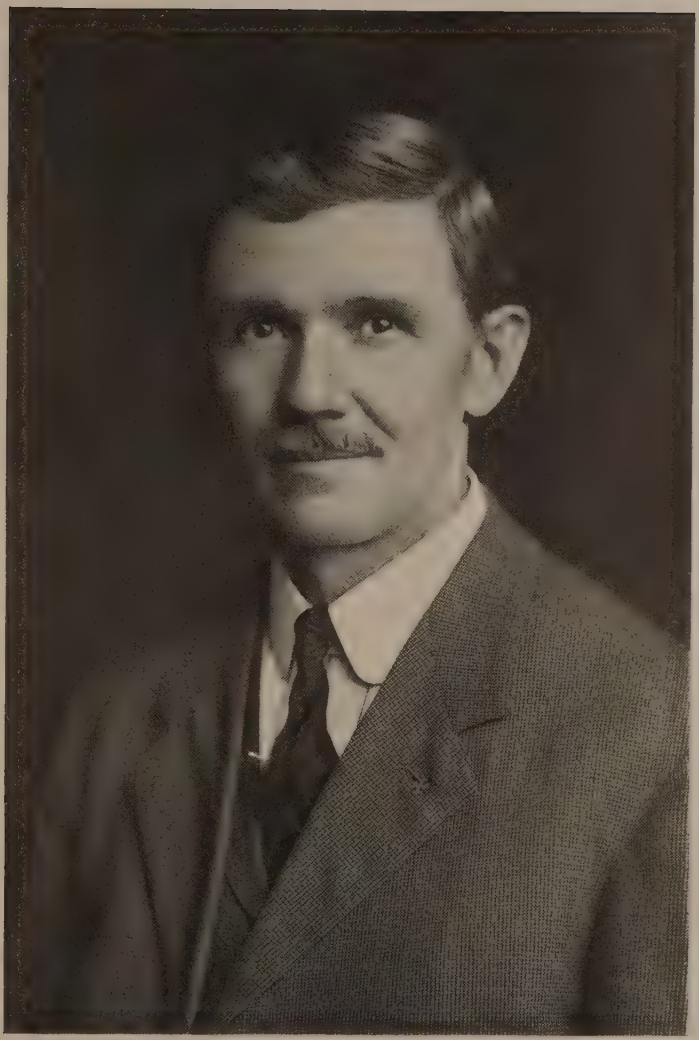
GARBART

In 1836 Malah Garbart, widow of John Garbart, arrived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with her four children, locating in what is now known as the "West End," where she died. John Garbart was born in London, England, there married and lived until just prior to the birth of his second child. He then moved to Wales and there worked in the mines for several years, finally returning to London where he met accidental death. In 1836 his widow, Malah, brought her four children to the United States, as stated. Children, all deceased: William, a coal miner; John, of whom further; Sarah, married Perry Miller, a steel mill worker of Pittsburgh; Joseph, died in middle life, unmarried, a river man and his mother's support.

(II) John (2) Garbart, son of John (1) and Malah Garbart, was born in Wales, February 3, 1821, died April 14, 1891. His boyhood was spent, from an early age, in the coal mines of the district in which he lived, and later after the return of the family to England he worked in the English mines. At age of fifteen years, in 1836, he came with his mother, brothers and sister to Pittsburgh and for about three years after his arrival worked in the coal mines of the Pittsburgh district. He then learned the ship carpenter's trade and followed that occupation until his death. When the local demand for boats failed to keep him busy he would build on speculation, then float the boats down the Ohio river until a buyer was found. During the Civil War he was in the employ of the United States government, boating coal down the rivers for use on the gunboats and steamers used by the government. Often he was in great danger, Confederate guns having to be run past, very often on the lower river. He married Harriet Graham, born in Chartiers township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1820, died 1874, daughter of Samuel and Esther (Wilson) Graham, both born in Chartiers township, of old Allegheny county families. Samuel Graham owned a farm near the present town of Ingram which he cultivated, also operated a coal mine on his own farm. He converted coal into coke in his own ovens, being

one of the very first coke manufacturers in that section. The log house in which he lived is still standing in part, but in the remodeling has largely disappeared. He died aged seventy-eight years. He was known as "Judge" Graham from his dignified appearance and grave manner. Esther (Wilson) Graham, his second wife, died in 1895, aged ninety-four years. She was a descendant of James Wilson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Children of Samuel Graham by his first wife: Mary Jane, Elizabeth, Lemuel and Addison, the two latter soldiers of the Union army, 1861-65. Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Wilson) Graham: Emily, married William Miller, and lived in Chartiers township; Harriet, married John Garbart, of previous mention; George, lived in Chartiers township; Avery T., now residing in Pittsburgh West End. Children of John (2) and Harriet (Graham) Garbart: Amelia, died in 1907, unmarried; Ross W., now a retired glass worker; William G., a carpenter, residing in Pittsburgh, married Margaret Spring; Ida M., resides in Westwood, Pennsylvania; Clara Emma, died February 3, 1908, unmarried; John G., of whom further; Mary B., married Charles Koener, manager for the National Biscuit Company, at Westwood; Esther M., married Ferdinand Andrews, and resides at Perth Amboy, New Jersey.

(III) John G. Garbart, son of John (2) and Harriet (Graham) Garbart, was born in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, March 7, 1864. He attended the public schools of Pittsburgh West End until thirteen years of age, then became a wage earner, working at whatever came in his way that he was able to properly do. After working in this way for a few years he determined upon a settled occupation and began learning the carpenter's trade. From 1884 until 1894 he worked under George Swartz, a building contractor of the West End, becoming an expert workman and a foreman. In 1894 he became foreman and superintendent of construction under S. T. Verner, a large building contractor of Ingram, Pennsylvania, continuing until the death of Mr. Verner ten years later. In 1904 Mr. Garbart purchased from the Verner heirs the business and estate left by their father, and has since continued as builder and contractor, doing a very large business in the Ingram district. During his years of preparation for the prosperous business he now conducts, Mr. Garbart took courses in architectural drawing by correspondence and became competent to design buildings and draw the plans from which he constructed them. Many of the hundreds of buildings he has erected in Ingram and vicinity have been of his own design and from his own well executed drawings and plans. In 1905 he erected his own brick residence on Verner avenue, Ingram. He is highly regarded, not only as a capable builder and reliable contractor, but as a good citizen, friend and neighbor. He is independent in politics, and with his wife holds membership in the United Presbyterian Church of Ingram. He is prominent in the Masonic Order, belonging to Crafton Lodge, No. 653, Free and Accepted Masons; Cyrus Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Mount Moriah Council, Royal and Select Masters; Chartiers Com-



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mandery, No. 78, Knights Templar, and is a thirty-second degree Mason of Pennsylvania Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. He also holds membership in the order of Heptasophs and Modern Woodmen of America.

Mr. Garbart married, June 10, 1890, Dora J. Brimm, born in Robinson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Daniel and Dorothy Brimm, both born in Germany, later coming to the United States where Daniel Brimm, now deceased, became a farmer of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Children: Helen M., born May 9, 1891; James Wilson, July 4, 1894; John G. (2), August 3, 1899; Dorothy, November 24, 1901; Charles, April 14, 1904; Esther L., September 24, 1910.

OCHSE

The Ochse family is one of those which have come to America from Germany, and have brought to this country those habits of thrift and industry so characteristic of the Germans.

Henry Ochse was born in Oberholzhausen, Frankenburg, Germany, May 18, 1820, died December 22, 1905. He emigrated to America in 1839, coming on a sailing vessel which took fifty-seven days for the passage. For a short time he lived in Baltimore, Maryland, then removed to Etna, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he made his permanent home. He was an iron mill worker all his life. At the time of his death he had spent more years in Etna than anyone else living in the place at that time. He took a deep interest in the public welfare of the community, was the first burgess of Etna, and at different times filled all the other local offices. He was president of the board of directors of the West Liberty Orphans' Home, and a charter member of the German Evangelical Church. Mr. Ochse married, in 1841, Mary Sutter, born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, in 1823, was two years of age when brought to Etna by her parents, and died there in 1901, a daughter of John and Sarah Sutter, natives of Switzerland, who were two years en route to this country. They first located in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, where he was a farmer, then came to Etna, driving their cattle with them. Mr. and Mrs. Ochse have had children: 1. John J., enlisted in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness, died in the hospital at Washington, District of Columbia, January 24, 1864, and is buried in Etna. 2. Charles D., now deceased; was postmaster of Etna for seventeen years. 3. Henry W., of further mention. 4. Samuel J., now deceased; was in the insurance business. 5. Wilhelmina, married John Landried. 6. Mary F., married William P. McKee. 7. Emma E. 8. Louisa R., married John Metzger Jr.

Henry W. Ochse, son of Henry and Mary (Sutter) Ochse, was born in Etna, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1850. He received his education in the common schools, and then became a heater in a rolling mill, an occupation he followed for some time. He then established himself in the dry goods business in Etna in 1880, and continued this until June, 1909. For many years he has been prominently identified with public

matters in Etna, and has been a staunch supporter of the Republican party. He was burgess of Etna in 1886 and has in turn filled all the offices of the borough. As school director he has done much for the cause of education in that section. In 1893 he became a director of the poor, and served in this office for a period of nineteen years, and October 20, 1910, he was elected president of the Pennsylvania Association of Directors of the Poor. In March, 1912, he was appointed to the board of county viewers, and is still serving in this office. He is a member of all the Masonic bodies, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In the last mentioned order he was the first exalted ruler in Etna. Mr. Ochse married (first) in 1872, Julia D. Neumeister, born in 1853, died in September, 1903. He married (second) June 22, 1905, Laura Schumann, of Davenport and Kansas City.

WILLIAMS

The Williams family of Glassport, worthily represented in the present generation by Alfred D. Williams, actively and prominently identified with various industries that add to the prosperity and advancement of Glassport, is of Welsh origin, the early members of the family passing their entire lives in Wales.

William C. Williams, father of Alfred D. Williams, was a native of Wales, as was also his father, who was born, lived and died there. William C. Williams was reared, educated and married in Wales, and in the year 1859 came to the United States, settling in the state of Maryland. At the commencement of the Civil War he enlisted his services in behalf of his adopted country, and served until the cessation of hostilities, his brother-in-law, Adam Morgan, also serving throughout the entire period. His wife, Harriet M. (Morgan) Williams, did not accompany her husband to this country, and during the Civil War, fearing that he might have died, she came to Maryland and upon his discharge from the service of the government they met in Boston, Massachusetts. Her father died in Wales, and her mother, Harriet Morgan, came to this country, making her home in Maryland, where her death occurred. Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Williams went to Brewster, Ohio, and in 1880 removed to West Newton, Pennsylvania, where they both died in the same year, 1893. During his residence in West Newton Mr. Williams served as a practical miner in the Darr Mines. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as was also his wife, and he was an ardent Republican in politics. They were the parents of six children: Sarah; Adam, deceased; William G.; David J.; Hattie M., deceased; Alfred D., of whom further.

Alfred D. Williams was born in Barton, Maryland, August 12, 1869. His education was obtained in the schools of Brewster, Ohio, whither his parents removed, and at age of eleven years they again moved to West Newton, Pennsylvania. The following year he began work in a coal tipple, oiling wagons, and later again resumed his studies, becoming a member of the Scranton Correspondence School, and also attended night school at West

Newton, thus greatly supplementing his early studies. At the age of twenty-one, having mastered the trade of machinist, he took charge of a machine shop at West Newton, and later was employed in the Darr Mines, and still later in the Port Royal Mines Nos. 1 and 2. He then entered the employ of Booth & Flinn, with whom he remained three years, and in 1902 he came to Glassport and purchased a substantial brick building and engaged in the grocery and meat business, continuing for three years, at the expiration of which time he engaged in the hotel business and has since been proprietor of the Manhattan Hotel, he giving it that name. He has met with success in this enterprise, he being thoroughly qualified to cater to people of taste and refinement, and his house is the best patronized in that section. He also organized the I. X. & L. Tire and Rubber Company, in June, 1913, of which he is president, and later re-organized and capitalized it at $300,000 under the name of Williams Tire and Rubber Company, located at Vista, Pennsylvania. He is also president of the Hamilton Land Improvement Company at Vista, Pennsylvania. He is active in the ranks of the Republican party, but has never aspired to public office. He is a member of Lodge No. 136, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at McKeesport; life member of Aerie No. 1185, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of Glassport; member of Knights of Pythias and Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Williams married, December 25, 1890, Mattie May Marks, of West Newton, Pennsylvania, daughter of James D. and Sarah Marks, the former named a policeman of Glassport. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Williams: 1. Ethel May, graduate of Glassport High School, Dillsworth Hall, Pennsylvania College for Women at Pittsburgh, from which institution she received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, graduating in social service and music, and (1914) in Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, studying music, and in the same year accepted position as teacher in German and Latin in the Glassport High School. 2. Alfred D. Jr., an attendant of the Glassport High School; engaged with his brother, Clyde M., in the bicycle and motor cycle repair and accessory business located at No. 707 Monongahela avenue, Glassport. 3. Clyde M., an attendant of the Glassport High School. The family is among the highly respected ones in that section, enjoying the acquaintance of a large number of people, who appreciate them at their true worth.

SNITGER

Frederick Snitger, for many years a merchant of Beaver, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and a native of Germany, accompanied his parents to the United States, they settling in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where their latter years were passed. Both are buried near Perrysville, Pennsylvania.

Frederick Snitger early in life chose a mercantile career, making Beaver, Pennsylvania, his field of labor, where he met with favorable success. One of his sons, William H., is now a merchant of that place, his establishment located on Market street. Frederick Snitger was politically a

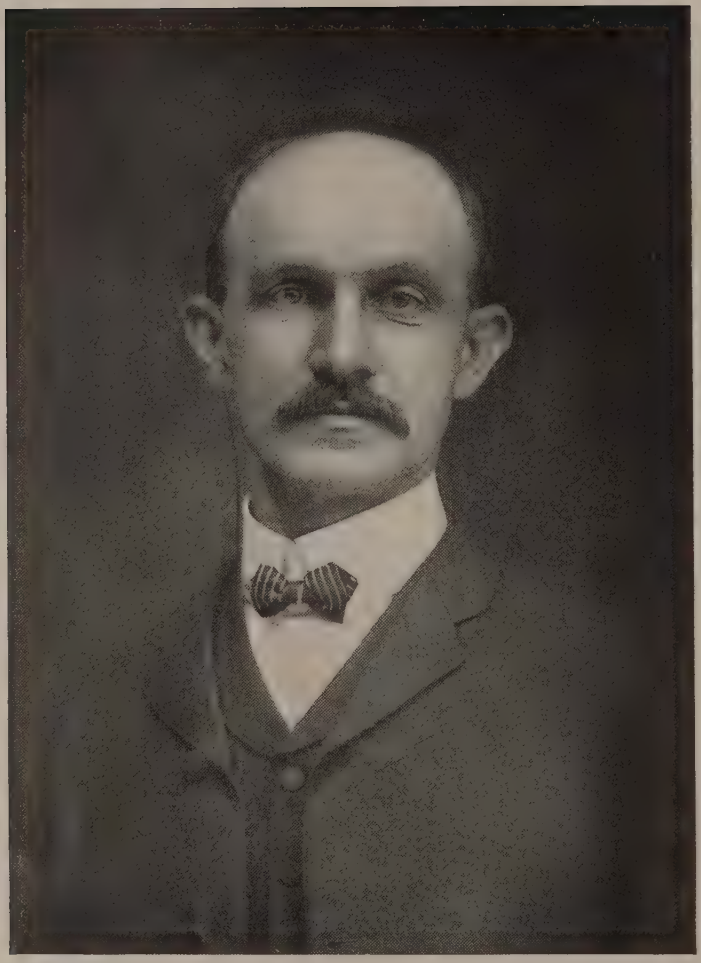
Democrat, and with his wife a member of the Presbyterian church. He married Martha Huch, like himself a native of Germany, and had issue: 1. Lavinia, deceased. 2. Henrietta, deceased. 3. Lewis, deceased. 4. William H., a merchant of Beaver, Pennsylvania. 5. Frank, deceased. 6. Martha, married D. L. Clark, president of the Jewel Candy Company. 7. Caroline. 8. Joseph B., of whom further.

Joseph B. Snitger, son of Frederick and Martha (Huch) Snitger, was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, July 20, 1875. He was reared in Beaver, and there obtained his education by attendance at the public schools, beginning business life as a partner of a brother as Snitger Brothers, the two conducting grocery dealings in Beaver. In 1894 Mr. Snitger moved to McKeesport, Pennsylvania, becoming associated with the firm of D. L. Clark & Company. In 1910 this concern was incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania as the Jewel Candy Company, its officers being D. L. Clark, president; O. M. Rodecap, vice-president; Joseph M. Snitger, treasurer, and E. O. Long, secretary. The company's plant is located at Nos. 905 and 907 Walnut street, McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and here it has enjoyed a prosperous continuance under its new direction, as under its old. Its officers are men of recognized standing in business affairs, and by their careful administration of the duties of their respective offices have come to be a strong and vigorous organization, promoting to the fullest extent the interests of the company, their policy having been one of conservative expansion. To this rule Mr. Snitger is no exception, and he competently handles the finances of the growing business. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in political matters is uninfluenced by party obligations.

Mr. Snitger married, in March, 1904, Cordelia, daughter of William and Josephine (Means) Edmundson, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Snitger have one son, Robert Smiley. The family home is at No. 1615 Manor avenue, McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

KEITZER

This branch of the German family of Keitzer had its founding in the emigration to the United States of Conrad Keitzer, born in Germany, settling in Whitehall, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, immediately upon arrival. His trade was that of wagon-maker, and he was so employed until 1893, when, his wife having died about 1891, he retired and passed his last days with his children, his death occurring at the home of his daughter, Kate, in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Both he and his wife are buried in Mount Zion Cemetery, Whitehall, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Mary, were members of the Lutheran Church, active in its work, regular and devoted attendants at its services. Children of Conrad and Mary Keitzer: 1. Henry, a wagon-maker and carpenter, died in Baldwin township, Pennsylvania. 2. Kate, married John Rothair, and died in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 3. Caroline, married Christian Vondera, and



George Keitzer

resides in Homestead, Pennsylvania. 4. Jacob, a carpenter, lives in Homestead, Pennsylvania. 5. Martha, married Henry Matthews, and lives in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 6. Louisa, married Herman Freidel, and lives in Munhall, Pennsylvania. 7. George, of whom further. 8. William, a farmer, near East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

George Keitzer, son of Conrad and Mary Keitzer, was born in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, August 1, 1860, died in Homestead, that county, September 1, 1906. After a public school education he learned the blacksmith's trade in West Liberty (Nineteenth Ward of Pittsburgh), and for five years thereafter was associated in business with his father at Whitehall. Moving to Homestead, Pennsylvania, he there established in the manufacture of carriages and buggies, his place of business being on Eighth avenue between Amity and West, where he continued until 1892, employing an average working force of ten men. In 1902 he, in conjunction with W. S. Bullock, G. B. L. Wickerham, D. R. Edwards, Edward Rott, J. W. Bainbridge, C. W. Ashley, L. S. and Oscar Lawson, and Miles McConnon, organized the Enterprise Land and Improvement Company, a concern that for a number of years conducted a large real estate and building trade. Two years after its formation Mr. Keitzer withdrew therefrom, engaging in independent dealings of the same nature until his death. His personal success and the prosperity that came to him through his enterprises meeting with favorable result came to him entirely through his intelligently directed efforts, any project to which he committed himself receiving his hearty and whole-souled support. He was content to stand or fall by his first judgment, and in such excellent esteem was he held that his faith in a business venture lent strength and stability to its organization. His fair and open manner of business procedure won him many friends to whom he was unknown outside of business relations, while he in private life possessed a wide circle of tried and trusted friends who had tested the depth of his character and found his true worth. He was a staunch Republican. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Homestead, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Keitzer married, March 26, 1885, Mary J. Gibson, born in Mount Washington, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 15, 1866, daughter of James and Margaret (Gildroy) Gibson, her father and mother both of English descent, the former born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the latter in England, coming to the United States with her parents when seven years of age. Both parents grew to maturity in Pittsburgh, and after their marriage lived for a time in the middle of the city, later moving to West End, where her father was a farmer until his retirement, at one time owning considerable property and now, aged eighty years, retaining title to a part thereof. He was a member of the Sixty-second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War. Her mother died in 1908, aged sixty-two years. James and Margaret (Gildroy) Gibson were the parents of fourteen children, eight of whom are living at the present time. Children of George and Mary J. (Gibson) Keitzer: 1. William Gibson, born Decem-

ber 23, 1887, an engineer, married Florence Wagner, and lives in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. 2. Gilmer Roy, born June 1, 1891, a law student, lives at home. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Keitzer has lived at Ninth avenue and West street, Homestead, Pennsylvania.

MILLS

About the year 1817, Stephen Mills came to the "Forks of the Allegheny" with his wife and two sons. He was of English ancestry, the family coming from England and first settling in the West Indies. After a few months spent in Bermuda, they came to the United States, settling in New York state, on Long Island,

The founder of the family in this country, George Mills, came to Jamaica, Long Island, about 1656, and there reared a family, whose descendants have scattered to every part of the United States.

(I) Stephen Mills, a shoemaker, married a Miss Osborne, about 1817, and settled on a farm in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He had two sons and three daughters.

(II) Isaac Mills, eldest son of Stephen Mills, was born in New York City in 1801. He was the successful business man of the family and became an important factor in the founding of the now important city of Braddock. He came to Western Pennsylvania with his father when sixteen years of age and spent his early life on the Allegheny county farm. In 1826 he leased two hundred acres, and in 1827 purchased the farm on the Monongahela, now the third ward of Braddock. He became prosperous, and in addition to an active life in the business world was prominent in church and educational work. He was one of the founders and charter members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Braddock and continued its chief pillar for many years. He was one of the founders of Bethany College and for many years he had a scholarship in the college at his disposal. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Snodgrass, descendant of an ancient Scotch-Irish family. Children: Mary, Eliza, Isaac, Helena, Rachel, Nancy J., Charles, James K., Stephen, Samuel.

(III) Isaac (2) Mills, son of Isaac (1) and Elizabeth (Snodgrass) Mills, was born at the old Mill's homestead, now the third ward of the city of Braddock, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1838, died in Braddock, March 4, 1902. He was well educated in public and private schools, and worked on the farm until 1861 when he enlisted in Company A, Sixty-third Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, United States army, going out as sergeant and coming home with a captain's commission. He served three years, participated in many battles, marched with Sherman from "Atlanta to the sea," and when his term expired received an honorable discharge. On his return home he opened a store on Liberty street, Pittsburgh, dealing in cement, sewer pipe and mason's materials. He added to his mercantile lines the business of contracting, being the pioneer contractor of the various kinds of cement construction in Pittsburgh. One of the buildings that he fitted out with cement basement and window casings, the Christ Magee home, is still standing. He continued in successful business in Pittsburgh

for twenty years, but retained his residence in Braddock. After twenty years in active business, he retired, and after his father's death, he devoted his time to the management and settlement of the estate left by the latter. The old farm he divided into streets and building lots, which soon attained great value, his brother, James K., being also associated with him in the work of handling the property. In time the land was covered with buildings and was added to the city of Braddock as the third ward. Isaac Mills served two terms as burgess of Braddock and was always active in public affairs. He was a Republican in politics, a member of the church, Disciples of Christ, the Grand Army of the Republic and the Union Veteran Legion. He was universally respected and held in highest esteem where best known.

Isaac Mills married, December 5, 1865, Mary E. Nichols, born in Freedom, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Sarah (Hartzell) Nichols, both of German parentage. Sarah Hartzell's parents were of German birth and speech and resided on a farm near Canton, Ohio, and had twelve sons, and two daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth. John Nichols was a man of education and was principal of a school near his Ohio home. Later he moved to Freedom, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where he established a general store which he conducted until his death, also for a few of his later years engaged in cement manufacture. He lived in Baden and Freedom, and for several years was postmaster at both places but at different times. He died at the age of sixty-one years, his wife at the age of fifty-eight years. Children: 1. Hampton, a farmer of Economy township. 2. Elizabeth, married Dr. David Shanor, of Unionville, Pennsylvania. 3. Adelia, married Joseph L. Everage, a wholesale merchant of Zanesville, Ohio. 4. David, for twenty-three years supervisor of the United States census bureau, resided in Washington, D. C. 5. Mary E., now widow of Isaac Mills and with her youngest brother, John, the last of their family. 6. John, a grocer of West Newton, Pennsylvania, married Georgia Loop. Children of Isaac and Mary E. (Nichols) Mills: 1. Charles P., now chief clerk for the Cambria Steel Company; resides in Johnstown; married Esther Cunningham. 2. Alice M., married John Hay, an expert in steel manufacturing; resides at Woodlyn, Delaware county, Pennsylvania. 3. Edgar R., chief clerk for the Columbia Steel and Shafting Company, at Rankin, Pennsylvania; married Sarah Markle. 4. Arthur N., inspector for the United States government at Panama; married Ada McMichaels. 5. Ralph J., an employee of the Carnegie Steel Company; resides at Braddock; married Beatrice Rose. 6. Henry Clay, paymaster for the McClintock Marshall Company; resides at Swissvale, Pennsylvania; married Alma Fax. 7. Eliza Adelia, died aged one year. Mrs. Mary E. (Nichols) Mills continues her residence at the old home, No. 417 Braddock avenue, Braddock.

BLOCKINGER

A great number of the residents of a large city are men of foreign birth, who have sought a home in the New World which offered larger opportunities for

advancement and progress, and among the men of this class resident in Carrick, Pennsylvania, is August Blockinger, who is now living retired from active business pursuits, enjoying the pleasures of life, a well-earned rest from years of toil.

(I) Peter Blockinger, grandfather of August Blockinger, a descendant of French ancestry, was born in Alsace, near the town of Strassburg, then France, now Germany. He fought under Napoleon during his early manhood. He was the proprietor of a country hotel and lodging house on a main thoroughfare in his native place, and in 1842 he and his wife emigrated to the United States in company with their son, Louis, and finally located on South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where their deaths occurred and their remains are interred in old St. Michael's Cemetery. His wife, Anna Blockinger, also a native of Alsace, bore him five children: 1. Louis, of whom further. 2. Lucas, was a blacksmith by trade; served in the Civil War; resided on South Side, Pittsburgh. 3. Peter, was a mould maker in glass factories; resided on South Side, Pittsburgh. 4. Cecelia, married William Renner, proprietor of a confectionery store in Columbus, Ohio. 5. Frances, married Blossey Marlot, who conducted a grocery and milk dairy; resided on South Side, Pittsburgh.

(II) Louis Blockinger, son of Peter Blockinger, was born in Alsace, near the town of Strassburg, now part of Germany, 1810, died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1896, aged eighty-six years. He was reared, educated and married in his native land, and in 1842, accompanied by his parents and family, emigrated to the United States, settling at first in New Orleans, Louisiana. Later he purchased a farm in Lawrence county, Indiana, which was then in the wilderness, and this he cleared and cultivated, and the year following the big fire in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, came to Allegheny City, now part of Pittsburgh, where he worked at Saw Mill Run, in the blacksmith department of a rolling mill. The family then removed to South Side, Pittsburgh, and the father worked as a teaser in the glass factory. His next employment was in Louth's Rolling Mill, and then for Jones & Laughlin, who absorbed the business of Louth & Debold.

He married (first) Francisca Champion, born in France, 1812, died 1845, who bore him four children: 1. Louis, deceased; was a bottle blower by trade; served for three years in the regular army prior to the Civil War and served for the five years in the Civil War; was wounded by Indians at Fort Larimer, fighting the Black Hawks, prior to the Civil War. 2. Louise, married Jacob Hammer, a shoemaker; resided in Pittsburgh, where their deaths occurred. 3. Joseph, deceased; lived on South Side, Pittsburgh; was a heater in a rolling mill. 4. August, of whom further. Mr. Blockinger and his first wife were members of the Roman Catholic Church. He married (second) —— Lininger, who died a few years later; no children. He married (third) Mrs. Anna Greeninger, a widow, born in Germany, came to this country, locating in Pittsburgh in young womanhood;

she had three children by her first husband, as follows: Mirot, resides in Wheeling, West Virginia; Sefrain, deceased; Stephanis, married John Mosyan, both deceased.

(III) August Blockinger, son of Louis Blockinger, was born in Alsace, then France, now Germany, August 31, 1841. He attended St. Michael's parochial school and later a night school, thus acquiring a practical education. He began his active business career at the age of twelve years, securing employment in Mulaney's glass factory. His next employment was in a brickyard, where he worked during the summer months, and he then became an employee in Louth & Debold's rolling mill, being employed in the sheet mill. His next employment was as heater in the sheet mill, after which he accepted a similar position with the firm of Morehead & McLean, with whom he remained for twenty years, and subsequently he was employed in a public rolling mill. He resided on the South Side, Pittsburgh, at the corner of Twenty-sixth and Carson streets, until 1902, when he sold his property and purchased a house at No. 252 Boulevard, Carrick, where he is living retired. He has been industrious and frugal, hence is enabled to pass his declining years without labor, free from worry and care.

Mr. Blockinger married (first) in 1862, Josephine Daschbaugh, born on South Side, Pittsburgh, died 1869. She was a regular attendant of the Roman Catholic Church, as was also her husband. Children: 1. Mary, married James Austin, a grocer; resides in Pittsburgh. 2. William, resides in Portsmouth, Ohio; a sheet roller by trade. 3. Josephine, married Jacob Lantz, a foreman in the steel works; resides in Carrick, Pennsylvania. Mr. Blockinger married (second) in 1872, Mrs. Mary (Berg) Iliff, a widow with two children, namely: Leta, married George Daschbach, and resides in San Diego, California; Clara, married W. J. Benchart, and resides in Carrick, Pennsylvania. Mr. Blockinger had one child by his second wife, Luella, married Alva W. Smith, a manufacturer; resides in Aspinwall, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Blockinger, who was a Lutheran in religion, died in April, 1909.

MAY-LUTZ

From far-away Germany came Peter May, and, on a different date, John Lutz, the former settling in Chicago, Illinois, the latter in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Many years thereafter a son of the former and a daughter of the latter met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, were mutually attracted and married. Four years thereafter a fatal accident on the hunting field ended the career of the husband, and since 1886 the sombre garments of a widow has been the wife's portion. She is a resident of Carrick, Pennsylvania, a lady beloved and respected. Both families were of ancient German lineage and in prosperous circumstances, influential in their communities.

Peter May was born in 1831, in the city of Trier (the German name of Treves), a city of Rhenish Prussia, situated on the right bank of the river Moselle, probably the oldest town in Germany. Here in the shadow of the venerable cathedral, containing the famous "Seamless Coat," he grew to

manhood and became skillful in tanning leather, one of the principal industries of Trier. He married, in his native city, Elizabeth Von Meltzhiemer, of an old and prominent Prussian family, and soon afterwards came to the United States with his bride. He located in Chicago, where he employed his expert knowledge of tanning leather to good advantage. He became the owner of a large tannery and conducted a most prosperous business until his death in 1896. He built a fine residence on Chicago's North Side and there maintained his aristocratic wife in even greater comfort and luxury than she had been accustomed to in her German home as a daughter of a wealthy man and distant connection of royalty. Children: 1. Elizabeth, married Herbert Monzell, a foreman in Clark's furniture factory, Chicago. 2. Gertrude, married Charles Lowry, a broker of Minneapolis, Minnesota. 3. John, of further mention.

John May, youngest child and only son of Peter and Elizabeth (Von Meltzhiemer) May, was born in Chicago, Illinois, November 21, 1857, died March 4, 1886. His father, a man of wealth, gave him all the advantages of a classical education, for which he prepared in the grammar and high schools of Chicago. After completing a brilliant college career, he entered business life in Milwaukee, where he became superintendent of one of the important departments of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. There he married and lived until his tragic death four years later in Arizona, where he was visiting friends. He was fond of field sports, particularly hunting, and while preparing for a day's shooting with his friends, his gun was accidentally discharged, with fatal result to himself. He was a man of fine intellectual quality and business ability, kindly, affectionate nature and greatly beloved by family and friends.

John May married, April 30, 1882, Margaret Lutz, born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the house in which she was born being demolished, with others, in preparing a site for the present Union Depot. Children: 1. Cecelia, born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 4, 1883; married A. J. Hauser, a funeral director, and resides at No. 414 Chartiers street, McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania; she has a daughter, Cecelia, born December 19, 1908. 2. John (2), born in Milwaukee, July 25, 1885; now a resident of Akron, Ohio, connected with the Goodyear Rubber Company; he married Alice Friend, and has a son, John (3), born May 5, 1913.

Mrs. May is the daughter of John and Catherine (Keeling) Lutz, her father of German birth, her mother a Pennsylvanian. John Lutz was born in Cassel, a city of Prussia, capital of the province of Hesse-Nassau, situated on both banks of the river Fulda, on May 10, 1824, died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 10, 1897. He was the son of Frederick and Gertrude Lutz, who both died in Germany, he a prominent contractor of the city of Cassel. John Lutz grew to manhood amid the beautiful surroundings of his native city, Cassel, being unsurpassed in its profusion of statues, public monuments, art museums and beautiful public gardens. He was an educated, trained and capable civil engineer, coming to the United States when

a young man, the only member of his family that left their native land. He located in Pittsburgh, where he married and became proprietor of the American House, which stood on the present site of the Union Depot. He remained proprietor of the American House for several years, then moved to the South Side, where he was interested in a bank and conducted a coal yard until his retirement several years prior to his death at his residence on Sarah street. He married Catherine Keeling, born in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 25, 1832, died December 8, 1893, in Pittsburgh. She was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Keeling, both born in Prussia and there married. Soon after their marriage Joseph and Elizabeth Keeling came to the United States, locating in Greensburg, where all their children were born. He was a successful real estate dealer for many years, later moving to Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, dying in Pittsburgh, aged seventy-eight years. He was a large land owner, managed several farms of his own, but employed men to do the actual work. Prior to coming to the United States, Mr. Keeling served in the imperial army. Children of John and Catherine (Keeling) Lutz: 1. May, married William Trimber, whom she survives, a resident of Niles, Ohio. 2. John, a hardware merchant, on Ophelia street, Pittsburgh. 3. Margaret, widow of John May. 4. Frank, superintendent of the Empire Building, Pittsburgh, a resident of the South Side. 5. William, died unmarried. 6. Henry, a contractor of Pittsburgh. Children of Frederick and Gertrude (Lutz) Keeling (grandparents of Mrs. May): 1. Henry, deceased; was a millionaire coal operator and merchant of Greensburg. 2. Gertrude, married Martin Kappler, both deceased. 3. Elizabeth, married Joseph Fisher, a brick manufacturer of Pittsburgh, North Side. 4. Catherine, married John Lutz (Mrs. May's father). 5. Mary, married Joseph Erney, an oil operator and brick manufacturer of Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania.

Margaret (Lutz) May was educated in the South Side public schools, later lived in Chicago, and after her marriage to John May, resided in Milwaukee until his death. She then returned to Pittsburgh, her native city, living there until 1899, then erected her present home, No. 2633 Brownsville road, Carrick, Pennsylvania. The May and Lutz families have been devoted members of the Roman Catholic Church for many generations, Mr. and Mrs. May both communicants of that faith.

VOGELEY

The late Samuel G. Vogeley, who for many years was one of the representative citizens of Mount Oliver, residing there for more than two decades, was a descendant of a German ancestry, which country has furnished so many of our patriotic and public-spirited citizens, men who have been willing to give up their lives if necessary for the preservation of the principles of the land of their adoption.

Conrad Vogeley, father of Samuel G. Vogeley, was born in the kingdom of Baden, Germany, 1816, died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1883. He

was reared, educated and learned the trade of shoemaker in his native land, which he left upon attaining young manhood, coming to the United States and settling in Pittsburgh, on the South Side, at No. 1010 Bradford street, where he spent the remainder of his days. He followed his trade in that city, and being a man of industry and thrift was enabled to provide a comfortable home for his family. He was a member of the German Evangelical Church. He married, in Pittsburgh, Katherine Snyder, born in the kingdom of Baden, Germany, 1821, died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1895. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Their children were: 1. Thomas, deceased, was an oil well driller. 2. George, deceased, was a resident of Baltimore, Maryland. 3. John, died 1912; he was a glass worker; resided on South Side, Pittsburgh. 4. Elizabeth, married George Becker, a baker by trade; both deceased; they resided on South Side, Pittsburgh. 5. William, an oil operator, resides in Wilkinsburg. 6. Albert, a machinist, resides in Beaver Falls. 7. Robert, deceased; was a glass manufacturer; resided in Beaver Falls. 8. Samuel G., of whom further. 9. Sarah, married Benjamin Brown. 10. Edward, an oil merchant, resides in East End, Pittsburgh.

Samuel G. Vogeley was born on Bradford street, South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1859, died in Mount Oliver, Pennsylvania, February 7, 1907. He attended the common schools in the vicinity of his home, completing his studies at the age of thirteen years. He then entered the employ of Adams & Company, glass manufacturers, and was employed in the making of glass moulds, and his connection with this company extended over a period of thirty years, a record which speaks eloquently for his efficiency and trustworthiness. He became an expert in the designing of glass ware and lamps, being noted throughout the length and breadth of the glass manufacturing district. In 1885 he took up his residence in Mount Oliver, locating at No. 119 Arlington avenue, where his death occurred, and where his widow is living at the present time (1914). He was a member of Bingham Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in which his wife also holds membership, and he was a staunch adherent of the principles of the Republican party.

Mr. Vogeley married, October 1, 1885, Sarah Ella Eicher, born on Ninth street, South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Sarah (Clark) Eicher, and they became the parents of four children: 1. Ralph G., born August 31, 1886; in the employ of the government; married Elizabeth Eaton; resides in Mount Oliver. 2. Clyde E., born January 24, 1888; a moulder by trade; married Eva Reynolds; resides on Knox avenue, Knoxville. 3. Elmer, born May 11, 1891, died 1895. 4. Irene Dorothy, born December 2, 1905; a student in the schools of Mount Oliver.

John Eicher, father of Mrs. Vogeley, was born in the Ligonier valley, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 12, 1824, died May 22, 1886. His parents were also natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the father a shoemaker

by trade. John Eicher was reared in his native county, educated in the common schools, and later learned the trade of making nails. In young manhood he removed to Pittsburgh, locating on the South Side, and in that city married Sarah Clark, born in England, October 27, 1837, died March 13, 1910, daughter of Jediah Clark, a native of England, a cabinet maker by trade, emigrating to this country and locating in Pittsburgh when his daughter Sarah was six months old; he died in that city in middle life. Mr. and Mrs. Eicher were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mr. Eicher served for six months during the latter part of the Civil War. Mr. and Mrs. Eicher were the parents of nine children: 1. Lydia, married Isaac Ambler; both deceased; resided at Mount Washington, Pennsylvania. 2. Mary Kate, married Thomas D. Thomas, now deceased; she resides in Wilmerding, Pennsylvania. 3. Thomas, a stationary engineer; married Elizabeth Barr; resides in Mount Washington, Pennsylvania. 4. Wesley, drowned at age of three years. 5. Joseph Walton, an employee of the Westinghouse Electric Company; married Molly Hensel; resides in Wilmerding, Pennsylvania. 6. Margaret Elizabeth, married George B. Blood; resides on South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 7. Carrie May, married William D. Jones, now deceased; she resides in Mount Oliver, Pennsylvania. 8. Ida Belle, married George Slater, now deceased; she resides in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. 9. Sarah Ella, widow of Samuel G. Vogeley, aforementioned.

KELLEY

The name of Kelley is associated in this country and in the North of Ireland, whence they had migrated during the religious persecutions, with honorable records, and they have always borne their share bravely in upholding the principles of good government.

(I) William Newton Kelley and four brothers—Samuel, John, David and James—were born in the North of Ireland, members of a sturdy Presbyterian family. In the very early part of the nineteenth century these five brothers emigrated to the United States, settled at Philadelphia, and there engaged in the contracting business. They constructed a large section of the Juniata canal, the old one, also a portion of the original Pennsylvania Railroad, west of Philadelphia. William Newton, John and David located on farms in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and William Newton also conducted a large general store. He had the spirit of the true pioneer in him, and when Mercer county began to be more thickly settled, it became too crowded for his taste, and he removed with his family, with the exception of his son John J., to Wisconsin, then a wilderness. There they cleared a large farm, and cultivated this successfully. As more settlers came to Wisconsin, he removed still farther west, this time taking up land in Oregon, but finally returned to his home in Wisconsin, where he died at a very advanced age. He was a man of dignified presence, and an extraordinary amount of executive ability. In all these settlements, he never

did any of the labor personally, contenting himself with being the guiding spirit of the enterprises. His invariable attire was a dress coat, a stiff shirt, a large white choker, and a silk high hat.

(II) John J. Kelley, son of William Newton Kelley, was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, in 1824, died in 1907. In early manhood he removed to Butler county, Pennsylvania, where he learned the trade of millwright and carpenter. He then located in Slippery Rock township, where he carried on a contracting business along his line of trade. He employed a large force of men, and erected almost all of the mills and many of the houses in Butler county. During the winter months, when it was not possible to carry on outdoor work, he was busied with cabinet making. At the time of the Civil War he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, in which he held the rank of adjutant. He served about nine months, being obliged to resign by reason of ill health. He was an active participant in the battle of Antietam, and a number of other important skirmishes, in which he displayed bravery and gallantry. He gave his staunch political support to the old-school Democrats, was justice of the peace for many years in later life, and was known as "Squire" Kelley. In 1898 he removed to Ellwood City, Pennsylvania, and lived there in retirement until his death.

Mr. Kelley married Elvira Leech, born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, in 1828, died in 1908. John Leech, her grandfather, was of English birth, and came to America long before the Revolution, where he was among the first to settle in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, and died at the age of ninety-eight years. Morris, son of John Leech, lived near Clarksville, Mercer county, where he was the owner of a general store and a large farm. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church; he died at the age of seventy-five years. He married, and had children: Elvira, mentioned above; Bertha, married Rev. John Morton, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, both deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley have had children: 1. Morris Leech, of further mention. 2. William N., proprietor of the Mispah Restaurant, in Philadelphia, where he lives; married Sarah Hopkins. 3. Maria, married Fremont Dennis, an oil operator, lives in Texas. 4. Ellen, died unmarried. 5. Clara, married John Walker, stationer; lives at Erie, Pennsylvania. 6. Delos Morton, went to the Klondike in the gold rush, and died there. 7. Franklin, lives at Detroit, Michigan, where he is the proprietor of a restaurant. 8. Harriet, married Joseph Richards, a railroad man, and lives at East Pittsburgh.

(III) Morris Leech Kelley, son of John J. and Elvira (Leech) Kelley, was born in Slippery Rock township, Butler county, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1849. At first he attended the public schools of his native township, and this training was supplemented by a course at a then popular academy at Dunkirk, New York. Upon the completion of his school education he took up the carpenter's trade under the able supervision and teaching of his father, and during the winter of his eighteenth year came

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to Pittsburgh and worked in the drug store of L. H. White, at No. 187 Federal street, continuing this for three winters. In this manner he obtained a practical working knowledge of the drug business which he could have obtained in no other way so thoroughly. During the summers of these years he worked for his father in the carpentering business. The next two years were spent in association with his father, in the oil fields of Armstrong and Venango counties, where they filled contracts for the erection of oil rigs, hotels, and other building which this section demanded at the time. In the course of ten years Mr. Kelley had amassed a considerable fortune, and then purchased a drug store at Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, and conducted this four years. In 1887 he removed to McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he purchased the drug store of B. E. Prichard, on the Market House corner, and was very successful in his conduct of this. In December, 1912, he erected a fine three-story brick building on Market street, covering a ground space of forty by seventy feet, and had this fitted up in the most modern manner. There are two stores on the ground floor and apartments above these. The drug store of Mr. Kelley occupies one-half of the lower floor, and is the best supplied store of its kind in this section of the state. The fraternal affiliation of Mr. Kelley is as follows: Youghiogheny Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; McKeesport Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; McKeesport Commandery, Knights Templar; Pittsburgh Consistory, Scottish Rite; Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; McKeesport Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In the winter of 1911-12, Mr. Kelley and his wife made a trip around the world on the "Cleveland," touching at many countries, and consuming four months on the journey.

Mr. Kelley married (first) in August, 1873, Sophie Kiester, born in Slippery Rock township, Butler county, Pennsylvania, died in 1889, a daughter of John and Sophie Kiester, the former a farmer, and both now deceased. He married (second) in October, 1893, Sarah, born at Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, died in 1907, a daughter of Frank and Mary Toryson, the former a Civic War veteran. He married (third) in August, 1908, Catherine Riley, a native of Pittsburgh. Children by first marriage: 1. Rena Florence, married Curtis Coyle, proprietor of a general store at Cornersburg, Ohio. 2. Charles N., a druggist of Pittsburgh; married Margaret Campbell. 3. Ella, married R. Joseph Trimble; lives at West Side, Pittsburgh. 4. Clara V., married Edward Wall Smith, a salesman; lives at Allegheny. 5. Frances V., married William Robison; lives in Atlantic City, New Jersey. 6. Lester, a surveyor in the employ of the state. 7. John K., a resident of Philadelphia. 8. Benjamin F., unmarried, is in partnership with his father, Morris Leech Kelley. By the second marriage there was one child: Morris Thayer, now seventeen years of age, who attends college.

ROSENSTEEL

The Rosensteels came to Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, from Germany, Jacob and Catherine (Verner) Rosensteel marrying in Germany and coming to that township prior to the year 1800. Jacob Rosensteel bought one hundred and fifty acres of timber land of Judge Wilkins, cleared a farm and there resided until death. Jacob Rosensteel came to America prior to the Revolution and served in the American army during that war, losing an eye in battle. It was not until later in life that he settled in Franklin township. Children: Andrew, Philip, Joseph, Frederick, Hannah, Dorothy, Lavinia.

(II) Andrew Rosensteel, son of Jacob Rosensteel, the Revolutionary soldier, was born shortly after the settlement in Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He there grew to manhood and after his marriage became the owner of fifty acres of the original homestead farm, purchasing from his father at the price of one dollar per acre. This old farm was held in the Rosensteel name from about 1800 until 1909. Andrew Rosensteel married Nancy McDonald, born in Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Mary (Wright) McDonald, her father born in Scotland, her mother born in Ireland. William and Mary McDonald came to the United States prior to the Revolution and settled in Harden county, Ohio, after the war was over. William McDonald was a Revolutionary soldier, serving in the cavalry, furnishing his own horses. He entered the service with three horses, one of them surviving and returning with him from the war. The family did not remain in Ohio, but later returned to Pennsylvania. Children of William and Mary (Wright) McDonald: Alexander, William, Joseph, James, died in the Union army during the Civil War; Mary Ann, married a Mr. Young; Nancy, married Andrew Rosensteel; Jane; and Prudence, married —— Winters. Andrew and Mary (McDonald) Rosensteel had issue: Catherine, Hannah, William, Jacob, Alexander, Andrew (2), of further mention, Jane, Matilda, Crawford Boggs. Two of the sons, Jacob and Alexander, were Union soldiers, serving in the Civil War.

(III) Andrew (*2*) Rosensteel, son of Andrew (1) and Nancy (McDonald) Rosensteel, was born in Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, at the Rosensteel homestead, February 28, 1847. He lived with his parents, engaged in farming until his marriage in 1868, then in 1869 built his present residence and barn, the present one being the second one that has sheltered his stock and crops. Mr. Rosensteel was formerly a Presbyterian, but when the Methodist Episcopal Church at Hopkins Corners was abandoned, he organized a Sunday school, of which he has been superintendent for nine years. Through his efforts in maintaining a live Sunday school the church was reorganized and is again under charge of the Methodist Episcopal Church conference. During the nine years he has been superintendent he has been at his post every Sunday with two exceptions. He is a Republican in politics and

has served his township as justice of the peace, school director and supervisor.

Mr. Rosensteel married, in February, 1866, Mary D., daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Duff) Wood. Samuel Wood, born in New Jersey, came to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, when a young man and for several years taught school during the winter months and farmed during the summer time. He married Elizabeth Duff, born on the Duff homestead, now occupied in part by Andrew Rosensteel. She was a daughter of David and Margaret (Mears) Duff, her father a miller and farmer. David Duff patented the tract, originally containing two hundred acres, heavily timbered. He erected a mill, house and barns, cleared a large part of the farm and there resided until death. He was known as "Squire Duff" from the fact that he was justice of the peace, and was everywhere held in the highest esteem. He was kindly hearted and generous, responding to every demand upon his sympathy. He prospered abundantly and is remembered in Pittsburgh by Duff's Business College, named in his honor, his activities extending to that city. Children: Elizabeth, Ware, Mary, Nancy, Lavina, James, Thomas, William. Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Duff) Wood: Mary D., wife of Andrew (2) Rosensteel; Thomas, David and William. Parents and children were members of the Presbyterian Church. Children of Andrew and Mary D. (Wood) Rosensteel: 1. Walter, now an oil well worker on the Hague farm in Franklin township. 2. David W., of Ambridge, Pennsylvania. 3. Gilbert A., of Butler county, Pennsylvania. 4. Edna Blanche, deceased.

CROOKS

With the early settlement in Washington county, Pennsylvania, of Henry Crooks, this record begins. He was the owner of a large tract of land, which he cleared and cultivated, also holding title to property the cultivation or improvement of which he did not attempt. Both he and his wife held membership in the Presbyterian Church, of which he was an elder for many years. He was thrice married, a Miss Roseberry his second wife, Elizabeth Donaldson his third, being the father of several children by his first marriage and of three by his third. The last were: 1. Elizabeth, married Robert Farrar, a farmer, and died in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 2. Andrew, died in Iowa. 3. Henry Richard, of whom further.

(II) Henry Richard Crooks, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Donaldson) Crooks, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, died in McDonald, Pennsylvania, about 1907, being buried in Candor, Pennsylvania. He was reared in the county of his birth, and after his marriage made his home on the homestead of his wife's family, caring for her parents in their old age and managing a hotel of which the Walker's were the proprietors. After the death of his wife's father he returned to Washington county, his wife having also died in her old home, and there married a second time, living on a portion of the old Crooks homestead. After a few years he

retired and moved to McDonald, where he directed the erection of a modern and handsomely appointed residence, where he lived until his death, his widow surviving him to the present time. His faith was that of his father, she also belonging to the Presbyterian Church, and politically he was a loyal Republican. He married (first) Hannah Walker, born on the Steubenville pike, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Ann Walker, her parents residents of Allegheny county, her father the owner of an extensive tract of land and the proprietor of a tavern on the Steubenville pike. They were Presbyterians in religion. They had children: 1. 2. and 3. Rebecca, Anna Mary, and Sarah, all died in young womanhood, between the ages of twenty and thirty years. 4. Hannah, of previous mention, married Henry Richard Crook. 5. Isaac, died near the homestead in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 6. Joseph, died in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Children of the first marriage of Henry Richard Crooks: 1. Andrew, a retired farmer, lives in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. 2. Dorcas, died aged eighteen years. 3. Henry Richard (2), of whom further. Children of the second marriage of Henry Richard Crooks: 4. Ariel, married James Reeder, and resides at Hughesville, Pennsylvania. 5. Francis, lives with his widowed mother at McDonald, Pennsylvania.

(III) Henry Richard (2) Crooks, son of Henry Richard (1) and Hannah (Walker) Crooks, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, September 30, 1855, died in Oakdale, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, June 5, 1905. He was educated in Geneva College. He inherited one hundred and sixty-five acres of the maternal homestead in young manhood and became a farmer in North Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. This occupation he followed for eight years, in 1891 retiring to Oakdale, Pennsylvania, where his death occurred. He was a communicant of the United Presbyterian Church, as is his wife, and was a strong Republican sympathizer.

He married, April 3, 1883, Sarah Agnes (Sadie) Mevey, born in North Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, April 22, 1858, daughter of Samuel Pryor and Sarah (Donehoo) Mevey. Samuel Pryor Mevey was a son of Benjamin Alexander (2) Mevey, who was a son of Benjamin Alexander (1) Mevey. Benjamin Alexander (1) Mevey was a native of Maryland, and with his wife, Prudence (Pryor) Mevey, born in the same state, came to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in the latter part of the eighteenth century, purchasing land from the Penn heirs, a tract of about three hundred acres. The most primitive conditions of life prevailed in that locality at the time, the pioneer settler encountering discouraging difficulties in securing desired supplies, both for daily use and in the improvement of his land, and more serious still, braving all manner of danger from violence at the hand of savage beasts and men. His cabin occupied a site opposite the present Mevey home, and there he and his wife died, both being buried in the Robinson Cemetery. He was a founder of the Presbyterian Church at McDonald, and served that organization as elder for a long time. Chil-

dren of Benjamin Alexander (1) and Prudence (Pryor) Mevey: 1. Benjamin Alexander, of whom further. 2. Prudence, married James Vanatta, and died at Half Crown Run, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Alexander (2) Mevey, son of Benjamin Alexander (1) and Prudence (Pryor) Mevey, was born on the homestead near McDonald, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there died, in 1866. He was reared in this place, and upon the death of his father inherited the homestead, there erecting a brick house of curious design, fashioned after the Maryland home of the family. He married Margaret Elizabeth Donaldson, whose death preceded his by many years, although he never married a second time. Both were members of the United Presbyterian Church. They had children: 1. Jane Scott, died unmarried, aged eighty-three years. 2. Samuel Pryor, of whom further. 3. Benjamin Franklin, proprietor of a livery in Pittsburgh, where he died. 4. James, died on the homestead, unmarried. 5. Margaret D., married William Clark, and died in Washington, Pennsylvania. 6. Martha M., married Dr. William Sarver, and died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Samuel Pryor Mevey, son of Benjamin Alexander (2) and Margaret Elizabeth (Donaldson) Mevey, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1824, died in 1872. After his marriage he made his home on a farm six miles from Oakdale, in North Fayette township, Allegheny county, inherited from his paternal grandfather, and there lived until his death. He married (first) Sarah, born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1828, daughter of Master and Sarah (McElhaney) Donehoo, her father a school teacher, her mother, after the death of her husband, moving to Beaver, Pennsylvania, making her home with her sons; (second) Mrs. Elizabeth Pollock. Both he and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian Church. Children of Master and Sarah (McElhaney) Donehoo: 1. Harry, a veteran of the Civil War, died in the Old Soldiers' Home, at Dayton, Ohio. 2. Daniel, a veteran of the war between the states, died in Beaver, Pennsylvania. 3. Frank, a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War, was killed in that conflict. 4. Nancy, died aged twenty years. 5. Sarah, of previous mention, married Samuel Pryor Mevey. 6. Isabel, married James Caughey, and died in Beaver, Pennsylvania. Children of Samuel Pryor and Sarah (Donehoo) Mevey: 1. Mary, died in infancy. 2. Isabella Jane, married Byron Townley, and died in Nebraska. 3. Sarah Agnes, of previous mention, married Henry Richard Crooks, was educated in the Oakdale Academy and in the Indiana State Normal School, teaching for two years prior to her marriage. 4. Benjamin Alexander, a farmer of Missouri. 5. Mary E., married Vincent Gibson, deceased, and resides in Erie, Pennsylvania. 6. James, died aged eighteen years. Children of Henry Richard and Sarah Agnes (Mevey) Crooks: 1. Cora Donehoo, married Norman B. Hoffman, and lives in Beaver, Pennsylvania, the mother of one daughter, Sarah Agnes. 2. Bella Elizabeth, married Robert Robinson, and resides in Oakdale, Pennsylvania; they have one son, Howard Crooks. 3. Sarah Agnes, lives with her mother.

FREEMAN

Naaman (2) Freeman, deceased, a worthy respected citizen of Oakdale, Pennsylvania for many years, was a son of Naaman (1) and Margaret Ann Freeman. The Freemans were of English birth and parentage, Naaman (1) coming to the United States when a young man, his wife from Ireland. They met and married in this country and soon afterward settled on a farm of fifty acres, on which the borough of Homestead now stands in part. He named his farm "Homestead" and when the village was started there it was given the original name of the Freeman Farm and called Homestead. He was a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held high official position, was deeply concerned in the welfare of the church and threw his house open wide for the entertainment of traveling ministers. He was held in high esteem in his community and looked up to as a leader. His death was sincerely mourned. By his request both he and his wife were entombed in a vault, but after several attempts had been made to rob the vault, the bodies were removed to the Homestead Methodist Episcopal Cemetery. Children: Mary, married an Allen and died in Homestead; Alma, married Thomas Garvey, and died in Homestead; William, died in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania; Margaret Ann, married Robert Young, and died in Bellevue; Naaman, of further mention; Susan Agnes, married George Bennett, and died in Bellevue, Pennsylvania.

Naaman (2) Freeman, youngest son of Naaman (1) and Margaret Ann Freeman, was born on what is now Homestead, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1839, died in Oakdale, Pennsylvania, February 1, 1898. He attended public school and lived on the homestead until orphaned, then was taken under the care of his brother William. He grew to youthful manhood a farmer, then began working in the steel mills of Moorehead & McClean, at Pittsburgh, continuing with them from 1859 until 1894, the only breaks being his eleven months' military service, and a period of six months he was with the Whittaker Steel Mill in Wheeling, West Virginia. He became an expert steel roller, standing high in the estimation of his employers and in the regard of his fellow workmen. He resided in Pittsburgh, 1859 to 1870, then moved to Oakdale where he purchased seven acres on the edge of the then village. As the village grew his land became valuable and now the entire seven acres is included in the prosperous borough of Oakdale. He first built a small house on his land, but as prosperity came he built a larger one on Western avenue, now the residence of his widow. He enlisted in 1864 in Company F, Sixth Regiment Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, serving until the close of the war. His duty was principally in Washington, D. C., being there stationed on the night of President Lincoln's assassination and was with the party of soldiers sent in pursuit of the assassin. He was an active Republican, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and a man highly respected.

Mr. Freeman married, June 16, 1860, Pamela Palmer, born in Staffordshire, England, April 20, 1844, daughter of John and Mary (Bishop)

(Roddy) Palmer, both born in England. John and Mary Palmer came to the United States in 1851, bringing their daughter Pamela. They settled on a farm near Red Bank, Pennsylvania, but after about five years there, moved to Oakdale where John Palmer died in 1871, aged eighty-two years; his wife died in July, 1881, at age of eighty-two years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, she of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Mary Bishop was a widow at the time of her marriage to John Palmer. Her first husband, Robert Roddy, was a soldier under Lord Wellington, fought at the battle of Waterloo, losing a leg in that battle, and having eight brothers killed. He was also wounded in the head, but recovered. By Robert Roddy she had seven children, all of whom died in England except Mrs. Ann Winters who died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Children of Naaman (2) and Pamela (Palmer) Freeman: 1. Charles Everett, now a steel roller, residing in Carrick, Pennsylvania. 2. Mary Frances, married John Wilkinson, and resides in Akron, Ohio. 3. Naaman (3), died August 21, 1900. 4. William, a steel roller, of Pittsburgh. 5. Virginia Agnes, died in infancy. 6. Virginia, married C. C. Brown, and resides in Columbus, Ohio. 7. John, an oil pumper, resides at home, unmarried. 8. Samuel McKneeland, an oil pumper of Burgettstown, Pennsylvania. 9. George F. McClean, twin of Samuel M., a railroad employee of Eurichsville, Ohio. 10. Agnes May, died in infancy. 11. Mabel, died aged twenty-one years. 12. Alma Pamela, a stenographer, resides in Pittsburgh. 13. Margaret, married Henry Metz, and resides at Elizabeth, Ohio. 14. Katherine Agnes, a teacher, resides with her mother in Oakdale.

REICHENBACH

This is an old and honored family of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, who first came to this country in the middle of the nineteenth century, the immigrant ancestor residing in McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, until his death.

(II) Ernest Frederick Reichenbach, who was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1845, died in March, 1904. He was a very young child when brought to this country by his parents, and his educational opportunities were very limited. Nevertheless, being ambitious, bright and shrewd, he overcame these disadvantages as the years passed by. At the age of twelve years he was apprenticed to learn the trade of brewing, and by the time he had attained middle age he was the owner of a fine brewery in McKeesport. Later he conducted a hotel, but retired to private life a few years prior to his death. He married Catherine Hartman, born in McKeesport, in 1848, died in May, 1904. She was a daughter of William Hartman and his wife, both natives of Germany, who came to the United States about 1850 and located in McKeesport, in the First ward, where he had a shoe shop, and worked at this trade for many years. Later he removed to Fifth avenue, where he continued his business until his death. He and his wife were of the German Lutheran faith. Mr. and Mrs.

Reichenbach had children: Mayme, married Henry Hoffman, and lived in McKeesport; Charles N., of further mention; Millie, unmarried, lives in Pittsburgh; George, died in 1911; Albert, a furniture dealer, lives on Penney avenue, McKeesport; Anna, unmarried; Edwin, a plumber, lives in McKeesport.

(III) Charles N. Reichenbach, son of Ernest Frederick and Catherine (Hartman) Reichenbach, was born in McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 17, 1873. He attended the public schools of his native town until he had attained the age of eighteen years, then learned the horseshoeing trade in the shop of C. W. Holt, and worked for Mr. Holt for about eight years, after which he became his partner. This association continued five years, when Mr. Reichenbach bought out Mr. Holt's interest in this enterprise, and for one year conducted it alone. In 1906 he took as a partner Frank Drake, and the firm is still known as Reichenbach & Drake. They have a large shop at No. 607 Strawberry street, and their business is an extensive one. Mr. Reichenbach owns a comfortable house at No. 126 Sixth avenue. He is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He married, June 9, 1902, Jane Woolrich, born in South Staffordshire, England, January 3, 1880, (see Woolrich III), and they have children: Gertrude Elizabeth, born July 6, 1903; Charles Blose, born January 7, 1907.

(The Woolrich Line.)

(I) Samuel Woolrich, who was a farmer in Shropshire, England, was a soldier in the English army, and fought at the famous battle of Waterloo under General Wellington.

(II) Samuel (2) Woolrich, son of Samuel (1) Woolrich, was born near Salisbury, England, in 1825, died in 1865. In his earlier years he held office as a tax collector, then became a lime burner in Staffordshire. Later he was in the general contracting business, and constructed a number of canals, railroads, highways, etc. At the time of his death he had amassed a considerable fortune. He and his wife were members of the Church of England. He married Sarah Smith, a sister of Joseph Smith, who died in New Jersey; Isaac and Abraham Smith, who were in the steel business and died in England. She was born in South Staffordshire, England, in 1825, died January 1, 1860. They had children, all the elder ones receiving fine educations prior to the death of their father: Mary, married William Thompson, both died in England; Richard, who was superintendent at a steel spring balance works, died at the age of sixty-eight years, in March, 1914; William, a retail coal merchant for the past thirty years, lives in West Bronwick, South Staffordshire, England, and married Mary Smith; Ellen, married Allen Marckum, in the employ of the Tube Works, at Troy, New York; Elizabeth, died at the age of eighteen years; Samuel, of further mention.

(III) Samuel (3) Woolrich, son of Samuel (2) and Sarah (Smith) Woolrich, was born in West Bronwick, South Staffordshire, England, June

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13, 1853. He was a young lad at the time of the death of his father, and lived with his elder brother until he was fifteen years old, and after that with his maternal aunt, Mrs. Abraham Smith. In 1879 he emigrated to America, went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and then for a time resided at New Lisbon, Ohio, where he worked as a coal miner. In England he had learned and worked at the trade of making steel balance springs. In 1880 he sent for his wife and family, and in 1894 he took up his residence in McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he has since lived. He is still weighmaster in the Camden Mines. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He married Susanna Holt, born March 19, 1858, and they have had children: Jane, who married Mr. Reichenbach (see Reichenbach III); Samuel, lives in Dravosburg, Pennsylvania, a machine boss, married Laura Lynn; Maud S., married Edward Reichenbach, lives in McKeesport; William, a moulder, married Flora Lynn, lives in Homestead; Elizabeth, married W. W. Hinchman, lives in McKeesport; Gertrude, married Harry Brown, lives at Homestead Park.

GELM

John P. Gelm, for many years a resident of Braddock, Pennsylvania, and proprietor of the Hotel Gelm, was born in the north of Sweden, July 24, 1853, died in Braddock, Pennsylvania, July 24, 1899. He was the son of Swedish parents, his father a farmer.

John P. Gelm in boyhood worked on a farm and came to the United States from Finland, where he lived part of his youth. He was little more than a boy when he came to McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where on first coming he worked in the tube mill, becoming foreman, continuing in that occupation until 1882, when he moved to Braddock. He there bought an old hotel property, which he rebuilt, named the Hotel Gelm, and this hotel he successfully conducted until his death. Both he and his wife were members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. He was a Republican. He married Caroline (Simon) Stein, born in Dermbach, Saxe-Weimar, Germany, August 4, 1853, died in Braddock, Pennsylvania, at her home, No. 450 Fourth street, November 14, 1913. Her father, Balthasar Simon, a veteran German soldier and a farmer, died in 1909, aged eighty-four years. Caroline Simon came to the United States when a girl and later married Andreas Stein, who died a few years later, leaving a son, Charles Stein, who died December 13, 1911, aged thirty-three years, a baker by trade. Caroline, the widow, continued her residence in Braddock, where in 1883 she married John P. Gelm. They jointly conducted the Hotel Gelm until the husband's death in 1899, and for one year after being widowed a second time Mrs. Gelm continued its management. In 1900 she sold out, purchased a house at No. 450 Fourth avenue, Braddock, and there lived a retired life, devoted to good works, until 1906. William J. Gelm, the eldest son, to whom she had leased the hotel, died February 26, 1906, and as Mrs. Caroline Gelm yet had considerable money invested in the hotel she was compelled to again assume its management, so continuing until

a short time prior to her death, November 14, 1913. She was a devout member of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church and devoted to church and charitable work. She was chairman of the poor committee that maintains soup houses in times of public distress, was a member of the L. C. B. A., the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Hospital Committee and a leader in the Woman's Societies of the church. During her latter years she devoted most of her time to charitable work and was the "Lady Bountiful" to the poor of the city. She was quiet and unostentatious in her work, but was well known and greatly beloved. She was possessed of considerable means, owning property in Braddock, North Braddock and Copeland. Her life was a useful one and her memory is warmly cherished. She has two sisters living, Mrs. Bertha Sterf, a widow, and Augusta, residing in Germany.

John P. Gelm was the eldest of four children. His eldest sister, Anna, married William Johnson, a railroad foreman, and resides at Oak Ridge, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. A second sister, Alma, married a Mr. Nelson and resides in Jamestown, New York, a widow. His only brother, Eric, resides in Finland, a wealthy retired farmer. Children of John P. and Caroline (Simon-Stein) Gelm: 1. Barbara, deceased. 2. John J., born March 11, 1885; educated in St. Joseph's Parochial School, Braddock, Pennsylvania; he was variously engaged until he purchased the Hotel Gelm and is its present proprietor; he married, June 20, 1906, Rose M. McCaffrey, and has three children: Josephine Caroline, born March 17, 1907; John Joseph, August 1, 1909; David, June 20, 1911. 3. Henry J., of further mention. 4. Anna, married John McAtee, and resides at the old home, No. 450 Fourth avenue, Braddock. Several other children who died in infancy.

Henry J. Gelm, second son of John P. and Caroline (Simon-Stein) Gelm, was born in Braddock, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1886. He prepared for college in St. Joseph's Parochial School and then entered Saint Vincent's College, near Latrobe, Pennsylvania, one of the famous educational institutions of the Catholic church. Here he was graduated Bachelor of Arts, Class of 1911, and began the study of law the same year at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh. He pursued a three years' course of legal study at the university, in 1914 was graduated LL.B. and admitted to the Allegheny county bar. He began practice at once in Braddock and is winning his way to a good practice. He married, September 15, 1914, Marie Schaming, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

McBROOM

Anciently a part of a powerful Scottish Highland clan and faithful to the cause of the Stuarts, the McBrooms, brave, hardy, powerful and warlike, ruled the countryside. Later when the march of time brought more peaceful, civilized considerations they became farmers, generally, although many were iron workers and many were employed in the ship-building trades in Glasgow. The family was a numerous one and devoted to one another to an unusual

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degree. William Dixon McBroom, now deceased, but for many years a familiar figure in the Pittsburgh district, was the second of his immediate family to come to the United States; he had two brothers and a sister who also came to this country, John, a pit boss in Western Pennsylvania coal mines; Gilbert, a sheet mill worker at Homestead and Turtle Creek, (both deceased); Margaret, married Richard Rowley. These three, with William D. McBroom, were the only ones of the sixteen children of Hugh McBroom who left their native Scotland for a home in the western world. Hugh McBroom and his wife, Ellen, were both born in Scotland and there passed their entire lives, their home being in Ayr and Glasgow.

William Dixon McBroom was born in Ayr, Scotland, December 29, 1841, died in Homestead, Pennsylvania, March 23, 1905, son of Hugh and Ellen McBroom. He spent his early life in Glasgow and Ayr, obtained a fairly good education, and in Glasgow learned his trade of boiler maker in the machine shops at the shipyards, engaged in building trans-Atlantic steamships. He remained in Glasgow until 1863, becoming an expert worker and commanding good wages. In his twenty-second year, 1863, he sailed for the United States, finally reaching Western Pennsylvania and locating in what is now Pittsburgh West End. He obtained remunerative employment in Pittsburgh shops, and nine months after his arrival sent funds home to bring his wife and only son, who was then five months old, to him. He later moved his residence to Carnegie, Pennsylvania, where he availed himself of the demand for mine workers and for a few years followed that unlovely but profitable occupation. In 1882 he resumed work at his trade, boiler maker, in the steel mills at Homestead. After a few years he retired from manual labor, was chosen constable, and until 1894 was employed as a civil officer of the town. From 1894 until 1899 he was proprietor of a hotel on Eighth avenue, Homestead, then retired from all business cares and lived a quiet home life until his death at his residence, 808 McClure street, which he erected in 1898. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and in political faith a Republican. He was a man of high standing in his circle of acquaintance, industrious and thrifty, and mindful of his duties as a good citizen, husband and father.

Mr. McBroom married, in 1862, in Glasgow, Scotland, Margaret Chalmers, born in that city, August 2, 1842, died in Homestead, Pennsylvania, April 28, 1913, daughter of John and Mary (Barr) Chalmers. John Chalmers, a shoe merchant of Glasgow, met his death in the river Clyde, in 1865, by accidental drowning. His widow, Mary (Barr) Chalmers, then joined her daughter, Mrs. John Brown, in the United States, but after a few years returned to Scotland, where she died. Children of John Chalmers: 1. Jane, married William Gilchrist, now a retired farmer at Pacific Grove, California. 2. William, a retired blacksmith, now residing in Bridgeport, Connecticut, aged seventy-seven years. 3. Elizabeth, mar-

ried John Brown, now a retired farmer living in San Francisco, California. 4. Margaret, married William Dixon McBroom. 5. John, a candy manufacturer of Coatbridge, Scotland. Children of William Dixon McBroom: 1. John C., married Frances Roberts, of New York. 2. Mary B., of further mention. 3. Margaret, married Daniel Williams, and resides in Detroit, Michigan. 4. Ellen, married Harry Layman, of Homestead. 5. William, a hotel proprietor of Homestead, married Elizabeth Dale. 6. Gilbert, a hotel proprietor of Homestead, married Kate Haines. 7. Jane, married August Meister, of Homestead Park, now with the Carnegie Steel Mills. 8. Walter Robinson, died young.

Mary B. McBroom, daughter of William Dixon and Margaret (Chalmers) McBroom, married Andrew Hallas, born in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, December 19, 1865, son of William and Hannah (Richie) Hallas, the former of whom came to the United States at the age of seven years. William Hallas had two brothers, George and Daniel, who enlisted in the Union army and Daniel never came back. His sisters lived in England and he never heard from them. His wife, Hannah (Richie) Hallas, was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania.

Andrew Hallas worked in the coal mines for several years, then located in Homestead, where he worked in the steel mills until 1886, then became shear boss in the Carnegie mills. After the death of William Dixon McBroom, Mr. and Mrs. Hallas made their home with his widow, Mrs. Hallas's mother, at the homestead on McClure street, and there continue their residence. Mrs. McBroom died there in April, 1913. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hallas are members of the First Baptist Church of Homestead, Mr. Hallas belonging also to the Junior Order of American Mechanics and Heptasophs. He is the oldest child of his parents and has brothers and sisters: 1. Daniel, deceased. 2. John, a coal miner, married Bertha Hartzell, and resides in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. 3. Nannie, married Stanley Davidson, a draughtsman, residing at Columbus. 4. William, an electrician, residing in Alliance, Ohio, married Elizabeth Smeltzer. 5. Benjamin, a steel mill worker of Steubenville, Ohio, married Maude ——. 6. Dudley, a steel mill worker of Middletown, Ohio. 7. Daisy, married Thomas Flaherty, and resides in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. 8. Mary, married Russell Huntsberger, a steel mill worker of Middletown, Ohio. Andrew and Mary B. (McBroom) Hallas have two sons: 1. William Dixon, born March 2, 1889, now a traveling salesman. 2. Walter Robinson, born April 10, 1893, now residing and employed in Detroit, Michigan.

HUCH

The Huch family were for many generations native to the city of Göttingen, province of Hanover, the capital of the province. Here Gerhardt Dietrich Huch, born in 1808, grew to manhood, was educated in the schools for which Göttingen is famed, married in 1829, Sophia Haupt, and lived until the birth of their ninth child and the death of three. They then, in 1838, came to the United States,

landing in New York. The family spent several years in that city, then came to Western Pennsylvania, settling on a farm at Squirrel Hill, Allegheny county, now part of the city of Pittsburgh. Later they moved to Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side), their home site now being occupied by the store of Boggs & Buhl. There Gerhardt D. Huch kept a road house, later purchasing a farm of sixty-five acres in Ross township, Allegheny county. He died in 1855, his wife surviving him until 1858, the mother of fifteen children. There are living today forty grandchildren and eighty-four great-grandchildren of Gerhardt D. and Sophia (Haupt) Huch.

John Henry Huch, son of Gerhardt Dietrich Huch, was born in Germany in 1836, and two years later was brought to the United States by his parents. He was educated in public schools, and spent his mature life as a farmer and market gardener. He began farming on the paternal farm in Ross township, Allegheny county, later moving to another farm in the same township. Later he moved to McCandless township and for seven years conducted a road house on the Perrysville road. Later he leased the hotel and cultivated a farm of one hundred and twenty-four acres.

He married, November 22, 1866, Caroline Goss, born in Manchester, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1847, daughter of Jacob and Emelia (Bittenbring) Goss, he of Swiss and she of German parentage, both born in Germany. Her paternal grandfather, Jacob Goss, came to Manchester from Germany with his family and there died. Emelia Goss was a daughter of Christian Bittenbring, whose wife died in Germany two days before the date set for their departure for the United States. Later he came to this country and died at the home of his daughter, Emelia. Jacob Goss (father) came to the United States when twelve years of age and located in Manchester, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there spent his life, a gardener, owning a small tract of land on which his widowed daughter, Caroline Huch, now reside. He married (first) a Miss Trizzell and had issue: Margaret, Mary, Eliza, Sarah, John Jacob. He married (second) Emelia Bittenbring, who bore him Christian and Caroline, the latter widow of John Henry Huch. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Huch: 1. Henry, deceased. 2. Jacob, of Butler county, Pennsylvania. 3. Emelia. 4. Charles, of McCandless township. 5. John. 6. Albert. 7. William, of Wexford, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 8. Carrie. Mrs. Huch has been a lifelong member of Smithfield Street Presbyterian Church (Pittsburgh), was there married, her parents both members of that church. John Henry Huch died May 5, 1906.

PFIRRMANN

The name of Pfirrmann is one of those which originally indicated the occupation of the bearer of it. A liberal translation of it is "ferryman," and it is derived from the German word "Faehre," meaning ferry, and "Mann," meaning man. This family has lived at Woerth-on-the-Rhine for many generations, and probably the earlier members were ferrymen, or derived their income from

the water in some manner. The town of Woerth has about eighteen hundred inhabitants, and of these about twelve hundred bear the name of Pfirrmann. The family residence of this particular branch is still in excellent condition, yet it has been in use for some generations.

John Adam Pfirrmann was born in 1811, died in 1884 in the above mentioned house, and had the right to write his name as "Adam Pfirrmann, the Fifth," indicating that he was the fifth Adam in this family in direct descent who had married. His father was twice married and he was the only child of the second marriage. By the first marriage there was a daughter, Martha, who married Matthias Doeminger, and died in her native land. John Adam Pfirrmann married Sybilla Karcher, born in Woerth in 1813, died there in 1887, a daughter of —— and —— (Wuest) Karcher, who had children: 1. John, came to Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, learned the baker's trade, and then established himself in this line of business in Rochester, Beaver county, Pennsylvania. 2. Frederick, is a farmer near Monaca, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and has a saw mill on his farm which he operates himself. 3. Sybilla, mentioned above. 4. and 5. Martin and Henry, living in Germany. 6. Elizabeth, married and came to Pittsburgh, where she died while still young. Mr. Pfirrmann had received an excellent education, and was accounted a good mathematician. He was the owner of a small farm, but spent the greater part of his time in general contract work, a good portion of this consisting of highway and dam construction. He amassed what was a considerable fortune for that time. Mr. and Mrs. Pfirrmann had children: 1. Magdalene, married Henry Wolfe, now deceased, and is living in an old Bavarian town. 2. Sybilla, married Frederick Pfirrmann, and lives in her native town. 3. William, who also lives there, was for many years section boss on the railroad, and is now pensioned by this company. 4. Catherine, married Adam Voelker, a veteran of the Franco-Prussian war, has a government position, and lives in Germany. 5. Caroline, married August Wuest, and died in Bavaria at the age of thirty years. 6. Franz Joseph, born in February, 1855, served eleven years in the German army, and is now a member of the government police force. 7. Jacob, of further mention. Five children died in infancy.

Jacob Pfirrmann, son of John Adam and Sybilla (Karcher) Pfirrmann, was born in Woerth-on-the-Rhine, in the southern part of Bavaria, Germany, December 26, 1857, in the same house in which his direct paternal ancestors had been born for some generations. He attended the public schools from the age of six to that of thirteen years, and then was an active assistant to his father on the farm and in the contract work. In 1881 he emigrated to the United States, going directly to Rochester, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where he had cousins by the name of Karcher. He worked two weeks in a glass factory there, then, January 3, 1882, went to Homestead, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he entered the employ of William Glinsing, a butcher, for whom he worked six months. Two years were then spent in the employ of a butcher by the name of Espy, and in the

summer of 1884 he went to Hamilton county, Ohio, and worked in a butcher shop there until 1887. Returning to Homestead, he opened a butcher shop for himself, April 1, 1888, conducting his business on Eighth avenue for a period of eight years, after which he bought a store at the corner of Fifth avenue and McClure street, opening this April 1, 1896, to which he still gives his personal attention. He has been very successful in the conduct of his business, and is the owner of a considerable amount of real estate. In national political affairs he gives his support to the Republican party, but in local matters he casts his vote independently without regard to party ties. He was brought up in the Lutheran faith, but has never been a member of any church since living in the United States.

Mr. Pfirrmann married, September 23, 1890, Elizabeth, born in Frederick City, Maryland, a daughter of George and Charlotte S. (Meeks) Roelke, the last mentioned of whom died when her child was three years of age; Mr. Roelke was born in Pennsylvania, of German parentage, and was a weaver by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Pfirrmann have had children: Mary Elizabeth; Charlotte S., who is a student at the high school. While Mr. Pfirrmann had but limited opportunities for acquiring an extensive education in his youth, he has amply made up for this lack by well chosen reading and study in later years, and is a deep thinker and a public-spirited man.

McCONVILLE

Himself of Irish birth, Arthur McConville is the representative in the United States of an old Irish family, this record concerning itself with three generations thereof, all of lifelong Irish residence with the exception of the last. The family faith has ever been the Roman Catholic, that the church to which Michael, grandfather of Arthur McConville, belonged. He was a contractor by occupation, road-building the branch of his business in which he specialized, and he was also the owner of a small and fertile farm. He died when eighty-two years of age, his wife dying when she had attained about that age. Michael McConville married Margaret Kimmel, and had children: 1. John, a farmer. 2. Edward, of whom further. 3. Rose, married John Kinney. 4. Arthur, a baker. 5. Sarah, married James Doyle. 6. Michael, a shoemaker. 7. Owen, a farmer. 8. Margaret, died unmarried. 9. Cecile, married a Mr. O'Hagan. The homes of the above children were in county Down, Ireland, where they passed their lives.

(II) Edward McConville, son of Michael and Margaret (Kimmel) McConville, was born in Rathfryland, county Down, Ireland, in 1822, died in 1894. He owned a small tract of land, and on it raised stock, also conducting general farming operations, passing his entire life in the vicinity of the place of his birth. He and his family were adherents to the Roman Catholic faith. He married Fannie Ruddy, born in county Down, Ireland, in 1820, died in 1899, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (McConville) Ruddy, her father a native of county Louth, Ireland, her mother of county Down. Thomas Ruddy moved to county Down in young manhood, there

becoming the owner of land, and there living until his death. Thomas and Margaret (McConville) Ruddy were the parents of three daughters: Fannie, of previous mention, married Edward McConville; Nancy; Mary, married Anthony McConville, and lived in county Down, Ireland. Children of Edward and Fannie (Ruddy) McConville: 1. Margaret, married Daniel McClury, a farmer, and lives at Bell Brick, county Down, Ireland. 2. Thomas, lives on the homestead in county Down, Ireland. 3. Michael, D.D., died in 1913, a priest of the Roman Catholic church, head of a parish in county Down, Ireland. 4. Everett, deceased; went westward to California at the time of the gold discoveries. 5. Arthur, of whom further. 6. Patrick, a priest of the Roman Catholic church, stationed in county Down, Ireland. 7. Mary Ann, married Arthur Tramer, a farmer of county Down, Ireland.

(III) Arthur McConville, son of Edward and Fannie (Ruddy) McConville, was born at Rathfryland, county Down, Ireland, November 15, 1852, and was reared on his father's farm in that locality, attending the national schools until he was fifteen years of age. He then devoted his time to assisting his father on the home farm, and was married, in 1885, he and his wife emigrating to the United States. Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, was the place in which they first settled, and here Mr. McConville obtained employment in the steel mills, soon afterward locating in Homestead, Pennsylvania, where he long lived. Here he entered the service of the Carnegie Steel Company, being placed in the converting department. For more than twenty years he remained in this place, his salary good, and during this time invested largely of his savings in local real estate. Holding title to several desirable lots he erected thereon modern and attractive houses, and also directed the construction of a large apartment house. In 1911 he built the McConville Flats at No. 520 Ninth avenue, Munhall, and there resides at the present time. The care of his various interests occupies the greater part of his time, their administration his only activity. The prosperity that is Mr. McConville's is an illustration of the rewards of industry and thrift, for the success that has come to him has been the result of earnest, unremitting application to duty, and constant saving and at times self-denial. Such a course is by no means an easy one, but the prize that is Mr. McConville's makes it assuredly worth while. He is a member of the Catholic Mutual Beneficial Association, politically a Democrat, and with his family holds membership in the Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. McConville married, November 20, 1885, Mary McAnally, born in county Armagh, Ireland, daughter of Owen and Anna McAnally, both of her parents lifelong residents of Ireland, both deceased. Children of Mr. and Mrs. McConville: 1. John, a civil engineer, lives at home. 2. Mary, lives at home. 3. Arthur, attending school. 4. Francis, a student. 5. Patrick, a student.

J. Baldridge Jr

BALDRIGE

The name of Baldrige is one well known in Ireland for many generations, and since various members of the family have been in the United States they have always discharged the duties of good citizens. Four brothers by this name emigrated from the north of Ireland, and for a time lived in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. They were: John, Joseph, William and Samuel. Of these, John Baldrige became the owner of a large farm in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a distillery and a flour mill, all located about two miles from Latrobe. Joseph will be referred to hereinafter; William also settled on a large farm in Westmoreland county, and became prosperous; Samuel remained in Eastern Pennsylvania, but also became well-to-do. They made their way to the western part of the state in Conestoga wagons, all had adjoining farms, and married three sisters.

(I) Joseph Baldrige, mentioned above, was born in Ireland, and died in Pennsylvania in 1867, at the age of sixty-seven years. In addition to clearing and cultivating the large farm which he had taken up in Westmoreland county, in the earlier days he was engaged in hauling goods on the National Pike between Philadelphia and Baltimore and Pittsburgh. He and his brothers were ardent Presbyterians and worked actively in building up that denomination in their day. He married (first) Elizabeth Nichols, born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was killed at the age of thirty-six years by a fall downstairs. Mr. Baldrige married (second) Kate Johnson, who survived him. Children: 1. William, deceased; lived on the homestead. 2. Robert, deceased; was a dry goods merchant; married Kate Birchfield, and died one year later. 3. John, of further mention. 4. Jennie, married James Mitchell, a farmer of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. 5. David, a railroad employee, who was the only child by the second marriage.

(II) John Baldrige, son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Nichols) Baldrige, was born two miles from Latrobe, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 26, 1832, died May 29, 1909. His early years were spent on the homestead farm, and he attended the public schools in the vicinity of his home. He became an expert penman, and at the age of twenty-one years went to Latrobe and there learned telegraphy. For some years he was station agent at Brinton, Pennsylvania, for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company. He was then located in the general superintendent's office at Williamsport, Pennsylvania, for some months, having charge of the opening of all stations on the Philadelphia & Erie Railroad as it was being constructed. A short time was then spent in the position of conductor, and in 1866 he located at Braddock, Pennsylvania, becoming a silent partner in the firm of Corey, Lloyd & Black Company, coal operators. Mr. Baldrige was superintendent of the works of this company fifteen years, his office being at Braddock, and he then purchased the real estate belonging to the company, and engaged in the real estate business, with which he was identified until his death. In 1867 he built the beautiful house which is still occupied by his widow. This is a fine

residence constructed of gray brick, and is located on the bluff on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Braddock. Mr. Baldrige was a man of strictest integrity and an unusually high sense of honor in all his dealings, whether in private or business life. He was an active worker in the interests of the First Presbyterian Church of Braddock, of which he was the founder, and an elder all his life. He it was who collected the money necessary to erect this church edifice, and it was owing to his strenuous efforts that the work was pushed to completion. He was an exceptionally fine business man, and in all his business plans he had the hearty co-operation and assistance of his devoted wife. Mrs. Baldrige is now seventy-four years of age, but appears to be about sixty. She is a fine business woman, and was thoroughly in the confidence of her late husband in all his business plans, and practically took charge of all prior to his death. Since that time she has been managing the real estate business alone. She has a winter home in Florida, and prefers to live there the greater part of the year.

Mr. Baldrige married, April 1, 1862, Lida Corey, born at Port Perry, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 23, 1840. They have had children: 1. Mary Josephine, married Richard Smythe, a steel worker, of Braddock; no children. 2. Laura, now deceased; married Dr. Charles Clifford, of Braddock, and left children: John and Ruth. 3. John Edgar, died at the age of nine years. 4. Anna May, married Clifton K. Harrison, a wholesale proprietary medicine dealer in East Liberty, Pennsylvania; they have children: Lida Corey, born May 27, 1905; Anna Frances, born September 7, 1907; Clifton K. Jr., born May 20, 1909; Mary Josephine, born November 6, 1912. 5. Helen C., married Henry T. Wynn, a merchant, brick manufacturer and dealer in builders' supplies in Trafford, Pennsylvania; has one child, John B., born October 17, 1912. 6. Margaret Jane, married Edward McCrady, of McCrady Bros. Company, dealers in builders' supplies, of Edgewood, Pennsylvania; children: Edward, John B., Elizabeth F., Rebecca. 7. Carl C., an attorney of Wilkinsburg, with offices in Pittsburgh; married Lucy Wright, of Wilkinsburg, and has children: Carl C. Jr., deceased; Robert W.; Lida C. and John Ray. 8. Clarence Ray, of whom further.

(III) Clarence Ray Baldrige, son of John and Lida (Corey) Baldrige, was born in Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 6, 1882. He was educated in his native town, and since reaching man's estate has had a prosperous business career. He was engaged in the real estate and insurance business about ten years, then organized the Baldrige Motor Company, of which he is the sole proprietor, and is conducting this most successfully. His home is situated in North Braddock, which district he has served as a councilman. His religious affiliation is with the First Presbyterian Church, and he is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, and the Knights of Malta. Mr. Baldrige married, June 28, 1905, Elizabeth Mills, and they have children: John, Clarence Ray Jr., William M.

Lida C Baldridge

BROOKER

From the grand duchy of Baden, Germany, in the angle formed by the Rhine on turning northward at Basel, the seat of Heidelberg, the oldest university in the German Empire, came Ignatius Brooker, about 1835. He settled in Pittsburgh, later in Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and was the father of Joseph Brooker, now deceased, but for many years one of the progressive and prominent citizens of Pine township, a man of great public spirit and high principle.

Ignatius Brooker lived in Pittsburgh until 1845, then moved to Franklin township, where he bought a farm in 1850. In 1867, he located in Wexford, where he purchased the Shafer tract of land. In a few years he retired leaving his business interests in the hands of his sons. He married Mary Snyder, born in Holland, in February, 1814. Children: Joseph, of further mention; Mary, Louisa, Catherine, Henry, and two who died in infancy. Ignatius Brooker and his wife were members of the Roman Catholic Church. He died August 28, 1884, she died March 17, 1897.

Joseph Brooker, eldest son of Ignatius and Mary (Snyder) Brooker, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Squirrel Hill), February 14, 1837, died at Wexford, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 31, 1912. He was educated in Pittsburgh public schools, and from youth was his father's trusted assistant on the farm and in business, after the removal from Franklin township to Wexford, he conducted a store in Wexford and owned the hotel which he conducted for several years, then rented it for three years, finally selling the property and locating on his farm of one hundred and eighty-six acres in Pine township. Later he added fifty acres to that farm and conducted a very successful business until his death. He was a public-spirited man and did a great deal for the town of Wexford and for Pine township. He was especially active in securing a right of way to bring a railroad to the township and in many ways manifested deep interest in the welfare of his community. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and in politics a Democrat.

Mr. Brooker married, August 18, 1869, Elizabeth Beaser, born August 18, 1848, daughter of Christopher and Elizabeth (Walter) Beaser. She survives her husband and with her children resides in Wexford. Children: 1. Elizabeth. 2. Henry I., married Ottilia Duwell, and resides in Wexford; children: Dorothy and Henry I. Jr. 3. William R., married Rosina M. Young; children, William J., deceased; Mary R., Mark C., Helen K., Martha E. S. 4. Matilda, died in infancy. 5. Emma M. 6. Stella M. 7. Alphonso A., married Eliabeth Altmyer; children, Mary Margaret and Joseph Arthur. 8. Joseph F. 9. Sarah. 10. Hilda.

VIEHMIER-FLACCUS

Both of these families were introduced into Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, by German progenitors, the former by Henry Viehmier, the latter by William Flaccus, respectively, husband and father of Mrs. Caroline (Flaccus) Viehmier, of McCandless township, Pennsylvania.

Henry Viehmier was born in Germany, December 28, 1845, died in Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, September 18, 1913. His boyhood was spent in Germany, where he obtained a public school education. At the age of fourteen years he came to the United States, settling in Pittsburgh and there learned the trade of machinist. He worked at his trade in Pittsburgh until 1873, then located on a farm of sixty acres in McCandless township, on which he resided until 1878, then moved to Pittsburgh East End, where he again worked at his trade for three years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics a Republican.

Mr. Viehmier married, July 3, 1872, Caroline Flaccus, born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1844, daughter of William and Catherine (Rudolph) Flaccus. William Flaccus came to the United States from Germany (Prussia) at the age of nineteen years, settled in Pittsburgh, where he became a well known manufacturer of glue. He continued in business in Pittsburgh several years, then moved to Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, where he operated a glue factory and a tannery. After operating the tannery ten years, it was destroyed by fire, and with his son, William Flaccus, he purchased a tannery in Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side) and established in business there as the William Flaccus & Son Leather Company, and after his death the son changed the name to the Flaccus Oak Leather Company, by which it is still known and operated by the sons of William Flaccus, son of William Flaccus (1). This business is still continued under that name on River avenue of the same city. He married Catherine Rudolph and had issue: 1. William, deceased. 2. Caroline, now the widow of Henry Viehmier. 3. George, a resident of Pittsburgh East End. 4. Catherine Anna, deceased. 5. Charles Louis. 6. Edward Henry, deceased. 7. Mary, died aged eleven years. 8. Emma Catherine, deceased. Children of Henry and Caroline (Flaccus) Viehmier: 1. Emily Catherine, born August 11, 1873; married Aaron Fell, and has a daughter, Caroline Flaccus, born April 16, 1907. 2. William Flaccus, born April 8, 1875; married Anna J. Giffen, of West Virginia. 3. Henry Edward, born March 12, 1877, died aged nine years. 4. Cornelia Bertha, born January 5, 1879, died aged eight years. 5. Elizabeth Anna, born August 10, 1881, died aged five years. 6. Howard R., born October 28, 1883, died aged three years. Mrs. Caroline (Flaccus) Viehmier survives her husband, residing on the farm she brought her husband, inherited from her father, also owning the old Flaccus homestead in Lawrenceville, where her youth was passed. She is a member of Highland Presbyterian Church of Perrysville, and a lady highly esteemed by all who have the pleasure of her acquaintance.

SCHMITT

From Alsace, Germany, now again swept by hostile armies, came Jacob Schmitt, a German lad barely sixteen years of age. He made his way to Troy Hill, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where for two years he worked on a farm owned by Judge Lowery. He was possessed of some means and after leaving Troy Hill,

went to Shaler township, Allegheny county, and there purchased a small farm of fifty-three acres. As he prospered he bought more land, adding twelve acres to the original fifty-three and two small pieces at Bowerton and Millvale. He began first running a small dairy of two cows, which he increased until finally his herd numbered thirty. The products of his dairy he delivered by wagon in Allegheny City at retail, but after the erection of the new market in Allegheny City he leased stand No. 81, and there until his death disposed of all his farm and dairy products. The same stand is now operated by his son, David. Jacob Schmitt was a leading member of the German Lutheran Church, president of the church council, member of the township school board and a man highly respected everywhere.

He married Barbara Shafer, born in Germany. Children: 1. Barbara, deceased; married David Shafer; and lived in Robinson township. 2. Henry, married Margaret Sauter; lived in Millvale, Pennsylvania. 3. David, a farmer of Shaler township; married Catherine Whissert. 4. Charles, married Mary Sauter. 5. Lena, married Jacob Sauter. 6. Louisa, married Adam Sauter. 7. Jacob, of further mention. 8. Theodore. 9. Matilda, deceased; married John Bauerlein. 10. George Benjamin, married Rebecca Renfort. Three other children died young.

Jacob (2) Schmitt, seventh child of Jacob (1) and Barbara (Shafer) Schmitt, was born in Shaler township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 25, 1855. He was educated in the township public schools, and remained at home, his father's assistant, until arriving at man's estate. He then worked for himself elsewhere for a few years, but in 1877 he returned to the farm and has there resided continuously, engaged in farming and market gardening. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is highly respected in his community, his upright character and genial manner winning him many friends. Mr. Schmitt married Martha J., daughter of David Thompson, of Shaler township. Children: 1. Barbara E., married John Seitz. 2. Jacob G., married Gertrude Blackburn. 3. Martha M., married Frederick Grall. 4. William D., married Emma Walters. 5. John, residing with his parents. 6. Hannah, married Charles Lang. 7. Jessie, married Allen Schmitt. 8. Charles. 9. Carrie. 10. Rebecca. The latter three reside at home.

THOMPSON

"Mt. Airy Farm," now the home of Mrs. Mary E. (Hatch) Thompson, has been for many years in the Thompson name, having been first settled on by James Thompson, shortly after the Revolutionary War. Mrs. Thompson came to the farm a bride in 1870, and since August 3, 1903, has there resided, the widow of James Thompson, grandson of James Thompson, the original owner. James Thompson married Isabella Galbraith and had issue: John, Hugh, James, William, Robert, of further mention, Andrew, David, Betsy, Mary, Isabella, Margaret J.

(II) Robert Thompson, son of James and Isabella (Galbraith) Thompson, was one of the prosperous, well-known and highly respected farmers

of Shaler township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He married Catherine, daughter of James and Catherine (Shaffer) Stewart. Issue: Mary J.; James, of further mention,; Alfred M.; Milton, died in the Union army; Adeline V.

(III) James (2) Thompson, son of Robert and Catherine (Stewart) Thompson, was born in Shaler township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, July 1, 1838, died there August 3, 1903. He attended Locust Grove public school, and remained at the home farm until of legal age. He then went to the Pennsylvania oil fields and for one year worked at the oil wells on the Tarr farm in Venango county. He then returned to the home farm, which was ever afterward his home. He erected the present farm house and barns in 1873 and 1880 and left the farm in a highly improved condition. He was a trustee of the Presbyterian Church for many years, and in political faith was a Democrat. His character was above reproach and in his home life he was a devoted husband and father.

Mr. Thompson married, November 24, 1870, Mary Elizabeth Hatch, born in Shaler township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 24, 1846, daughter of Joseph and Nancy Jane (McFerrin) Hatch, who had children: 1. Mary E., widow of James Thompson. 2. John, died aged twenty-one years. 3. Sarah Jane, deceased; married William Oakley; children: Jessie and Jennie. 4. Joseph Blanchard, died aged fourteen years. 5. Nancy Anna, married William Schar, of West View, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania; children: Mabel May, Sarah Esther, William H., Earl. Children of James and Mary E. (Hatch) Thompson: 1. Charles Blanchard, born May 23, 1872, died February 15, 1873. 2. Flora Jane, born December 7, 1874, died June 1, 1881. 3. Laurence Siebold, born April 6, 1879, died June 5, 1881. 4. James Marshall, born May 23, 1882, now cultivating fifty acres of the home farm. 5. Elizabeth Stewart, born March 3, 1885; married, June 27, 1907, Leroy McElheny; children: Mildred Lillian and Chester Addison. Mrs. Mary E. (Hatch) Thompson has continued her residence at the home farm since becoming a widow, her husband's relative, Charles Thompson, son of Alfred and Rebecca (Owens) Thompson, residing with her.

HOLMES

George E. Holmes is a member of a Virginian family long respected in that state, and prominent in the affairs of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Virginia. His paternal grandfather was a well-known clergyman in the Methodist Episcopal Church, occupying the pulpit of a church of that denomination. He passed his whole life in that state and finally died there. One of his children was Hamilton Holmes, the father of George E. Holmes.

Hamilton Holmes was born in Virginia, and after completing the general portion of his education, he took a course to prepare him for the Methodist ministry, the lifelong calling of his father. This he completed successfully, and shortly afterwards entered the church. After a period he gave up the ministry, however, and betook himself to a commercial life,

engaging in the wholesale grocery business in Louisville, Kentucky, whither he had removed. In this enterprise he succeeded admirably, providing amply for his large family of fourteen children. Another enterprise in later life led him west to what was then the territory of Washington, where he eventually died. He was thrice married, fourteen children in all being born to him. His second wife was Katherine Nixon, a native of Tennessee, where she was born. While still very young, her parents had moved to Louisville, Kentucky, and it was in that city that she had met Hamilton Holmes. Of this union there were born four children, George E., two sisters, and another child who died in infancy.

George E. Holmes, the eldest child of Hamilton and Katherine (Nixon) Holmes, was born March 10, 1857, at Jeffersonville, Indiana, during a temporary residence of his parents in that city. He was educated for a time in the public schools of his native town, but while still young he began the serious business of life by securing a position on a river ferry. He continued in this service for a time and then, having gained the requisite experience in river work, was enabled to find employment on a steamer plying between his native place and New Orleans. After the lapse of a considerable time, Mr. Holmes gave up the river work entirely and entered the service of the Edward Ford Company, a concern in the plate glass business at Jeffersonville, Indiana. In this work he gave the greatest satisfaction, and when in 1881, the Ford family removed to Tarentum, Pennsylvania, and there re-established their glass business, Mr. Holmes accompanied them and continued in their employment. Here he continued for ten years longer, or until 1891, when as a result of industry and frugality, Mr. Holmes had laid aside enough money to enable him to engage in business for himself. In the year 1891, accordingly, he opened a pool room in Tarentum, and has since been engaged in a prosperous business there. He is also connected with the Keystone State Building and Loan Association, a very large and influential concern closely connected with the Bank of Pittsburgh, and for twenty-two years has been its local secretary at Tarentum. Mr. Holmes takes a very active part in the life of his community and is a prominent figure in many circles. He is a member of the Improved Order of Heptasophs.

Mr. Holmes married, March 28, 1882, Sarah Horn, a daughter of Wesley and Anna Horn, of Greensboro, Pennsylvania, where she was born September, 1855. To Mr. and Mrs. Holmes has been born a daughter, Bessie, now Mrs. Burdette Harrison, of Tarentum, Pennsylvania. Mr. Harrison holds the responsible position of assistant superintendent of the Allegheny Glass Company. They are the parents of one child, a son, Harold H. Harrison. Mr. Holmes and the members of his family are all communicants in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

KELLY

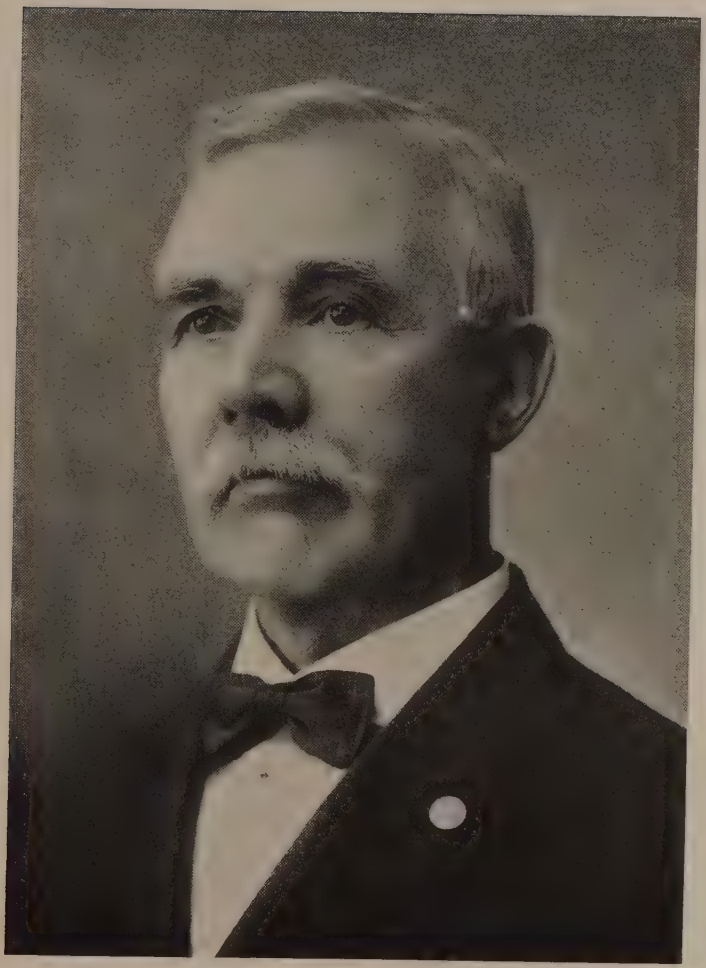
In Ireland, Kelly has for centuries been one of the most common surnames, and in the Irish language is called Ceallach, signifying strife or war. A family of the name of Kelly has

possessed a freehold in the Isle of Man from time immemorial. The English Kellys furnished their share of early colonists in New England. The name is also frequently spelled Kelley, which was orginally Kelleigh, this can be traced in England to a period prior to the Norman conquest, and the bearers of it were undoubtedly descended from the ancient Britons. The principal manorial seat of the family in England has been for many centuries located in the small parish of Kelly, in Devonshire, but whether the community derived its name from the family, or vice-versa, cannot be determined. The family under discussion here came to the United States from Ireland.

(I) Nicholas Kelly, who was born in county Louth, Ireland, spent his entire life there. He and his wife were Roman Catholics.

(II) James Kelly, son of Nicholas Kelly, was born near Drogheda, county Louth, Ireland, in 1816, died in 1865. He lost a large fortune on the vessel owned by his brother-in-law, which went down in a storm on the Irish Sea, and he decided to emigrate to America with a view of more easily regaining a competence. His early years had been spent on the home farm, and after his marriage he had opened a provision store in the town of Drogheda. He emigrated to America in 1847, alone, going directly to New Orleans, Louisiana, and in 1848 came northward to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he established a home for his family. His wife, with their son, Nicholas, came to the United States from Ireland in 1849, landing at Philadelphia, after seven weeks on the ocean in a sailing vessel, the "Isaac Newton." The trip to Pittsburgh was made by way of canal, and they arrived there, May 9, 1849. Two other children were sent for later. Mr. Kelly was a laborer, and lived on James street, Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where his death and that of his wife occurred. They were members of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Kelly married, in Ireland, Mary Gogan, born in county Louth in 1818, died in 1866, whose parents never left Ireland, but who had a paternal uncle, who came to America, and lived in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly had children: 1. Annie, died in childhood in Ireland. 2. Nicholas, of further mention. 3. Peter, born July 4, 1844, served four years in the Union army during the Civil War. 4. Mary, born March 20, 1847, is a widow and living in Pittsburgh. 5. Margaret, born March 26, 1850; married Albert Alexander, now deceased; lives at North Side, Pittsburgh. 6. Katherine, born March 26, 1852, died young. 7. Anne, born January 22, 1855, died of typhoid fever at the age of twenty-five years. 8. James, born April 6, 1857, was drowned in the Allegheny canal in 1863. 9. Patrick, born October 2, 1859, died young. 10. Michael, born August 3, 1863; is a watchman in the employ of the city of Pittsburgh, and lives at North Side.

(III) Nicholas (2) Kelly, son of James and Mary (Gogan) Kelly, was born in county Louth, Ireland, March 5, 1842, and baptized in St. Patrick's Church in Drogheda, by Father Henratta. He was a pupil in the public schools of Allegheny until the age of eleven years, then found employment in the Eagle Cotton Works, where he remained until the age of fifteen



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years. He was apprenticed to learn the molder's trade in the Marshall & McGeary Foundry. May 14, 1861, he enlisted in Company D, First Regiment West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, and fought in the battle of Philippi, West Virginia, the first battle after that at Fort Sumter. On March 6, 1865, he enlisted as second lieutenant in Company F, Eighty-seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and took part in the battle of Petersburg, March 12, and also at Appomattox. His regiment was a part of the Sixth Army Corps, which was reviewed separately at the close of the war. He then resumed his work at the foundries as a molder, being employed at various places, and in 1886, in association with James Niel, opened a foundry on Smallman street, Pittsburgh, operating this under the name of James Niel & Company. Two years later Mr. Kelly purchased the building, Nos. 1708-10 Wharton street, South Side, Pittsburgh, and started a foundry independently, and has been successfully identified with this since that time. In 1892 he admitted his son, James G., to the firm, and the name became N. Kelly & Son. In 1895 he erected a fine brick house at No. 802 Brownsville road, Mount Oliver, Pennsylvania, and still lives there. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, having been confirmed in this faith in his youth by Bishop O'Connor.

Mr. Kelly married, January 31, 1861, Flora Hanchey, born in Switzerland in 1842, died January 28, 1912. She was a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Hanchey, both natives of Switzerland, who emigrated to the United States in 1845, and made their home in Pittsburgh. Mr. Hanchey was a school teacher in Switzerland, but worked in the lead works in this country, and died at the age of sixty-five years, while his wife lived to the advanced age of ninety-seven years, eight months. They were both members of the Lutheran Church. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were the parents of children: 1. Anna, died of scarlet fever at the age of eighteen months. 2. Anna, married Oliver McKelvey, now deceased; lives in Knoxville, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 3. Irene, married Charles W. Miller, and lives in Duquesne Heights. 4. James G., born October 13, 1868; is the manager of his father's foundry; married Stella Wier, and has five children. 5. Elizabeth, born January 28, 1871, unmarried. 6. Emma, born January 28, 1873; married James Hector; lives in Duquesne Heights.

REUTZEL

The first of his line to come to the United States, all of the past history of the family of which Conrad Reutzel is a member is relative to its German home. Conrad Reutzel is a grandson of Christian Reutzel, a farmer of Germany, who there passed his entire life. Christian Reutzel married and reared a family.

(II) Conrad Reutzel, son of Christian Reutzel, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and there died. Like his father, he was a farmer, and also a pump maker, following these callings until his death. He married Mary Nauman, a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, and had children: Henry, Catherine, Anna, Mary, Elizabeth, residents of Germany; Conrad, of whom further.

(III) Conrad (2) Reutzel, son of Conrad (1) and Mary (Nauman) Reutzel, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, October 30, 1868. His father's death occurred when he was but a child, his mother dying when he was thirteen years of age, and two years later, in 1883, Conrad Reutzel emigrated to the United States. His name, however, was never removed from the military register, and upon his non-appearance for military service when he had arrived at suitable age, his share of his father's estate was confiscated by the German government. He later entered claim for this sum, and was legally upheld, but after deducting the expense he had borne in securing this favorable judgment he gained but the small sum of sixty-eight dollars. Arriving in Baltimore, Maryland, the port made by the transatlantic steamer on which he had engaged passage, Conrad Reutzel proceeded directly to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was employed by an uncle conducting gardening operations at Troy Hill. He had obtained good school training in the land of his birth, attending school for but three months in this country, and when sixteen years of age entered the horseshoe department of the Shellenberger Mill, passing twenty years in this service. On January 1, 1900, Mr. Reutzel moved to his present home in Shaler township, a farm of sixteen acres, all kept in a high state of cultivation, irrigation being employed in eight acres thereof. Mr. Reutzel has installed his own irrigation system, his source of supply being a nearby creek, from which, with a seventeen horse-power engine, he pumps water into a supply tank with a capacity of four thousand barrels, thence to a smaller tank, holding five hundred barrels, on the hilltop, from which elevation it receives its pressure. Mr. Reutzel has also an independent water system for his house, a spring on the premises offering the best and purest of water, which is pumped to a one-hundred-and-twenty barrel supply tank in the upper part of the house. Vegetables and fruits are the products of his land, his thorough knowledge and skillful care enabling him to profit largely from his operations. Mr. Reutzel is a modern agriculturist in every sense of the word, and utilizes the discoveries of his own experiments and of agricultural scientists to enable him to derive the greatest productive force from his soil without at the same time destroying its fertility. He is possessed of considerable mechanical skill, and in 1911 perfected an appliance for use on corn, pea and bean planters to regulate the depth of planting, an invention which greatly increases the efficacy of those devices. Mr. Reutzel engages in the manufacture of this appliance during the winter months, when not busily occupied on his land, and places it on the market through the agency of J. W. Scott. He is a member of the Masonic Order, and is one of the commissioners of Shaler township. His church is St. Luke's Lutheran. Mr. Reutzel is one of the prosperous citizens of the township, a leader in all movements of public interest, and holds the confidence of his neighbors. Intelligent application and tireless industry show their results in his finely kept farm, while his irreproachable reputation among his fellows is the fruit of honor, integrity and right living.

Mr. Reutzel married, in 1893, Elizabeth Reatz, born in Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side), Pennsylvania. They are the parents of: Walter Frederick and Harold Conrad.

WATENPOOL

This old and reputable German family was planted in Western Pennsylvania by Jacob (2) Watenpool, who came at the age of twenty-three years, settling in Pittsburgh. His father, Jacob (1) Watenpool, spent a few of his later years in Pennsylvania, visiting his children, but lived nearly his entire life in his native land. Jacob Watenpool had issue: Elizabeth, Catherine, Jacob (2), Theodore, Anna.

(II) Jacob (2) Watenpool was born in Germany in 1829, and was there educated in the public schools. In 1852 he came to the United States, settling in Pittsburgh, where he worked four years in the rolling mills. He then moved to a farm in Allegheny county, where he resided until his death in 1907, at the age of seventy-eight years. He married Lena Snyder and had issue: 1. Jacob (3), of further mention. 2. Andrew, married Theresa McCurry, and lives in Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 3. Peter, married Amelia Gehague, and lives in Franklin township. 4. Mary, married Patrick Young. 5. Louis, married Anna Warner. 6. Catherine, married Andrew Edrews. 7. Lydia, unmarried. 8. Rosa, married Henry Whitmer. Jacob Watenpool and his family were members of the Roman Catholic Church.

(III) Jacob (3) Watenpool, son of Jacob (2) and Lena (Synder) Watenpool, was born on Pittsburgh South Side in 1854. He attended public schools, and in early manhood learned the trade of carpenter and for several years was both farmer and carpenter. Later he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty-seven acres in Franklin township, upon which he now resides, a general farmer and gardener. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and in politics is independent in his action. Mr. Watenpool married Mary, daughter of John Altmire. Children: William, Ida, married George Garger, Harry, Arthur, Edward.

SKILES

Andrew Skiles, a Scotchman, came to Pennsylvania at an early day, settling in the eastern part of the state, where he became a farmer and famous local hunter. He married and had children: William, Thomas, Isaac, Rebecca, James, of further mention, and John. From these sprang the Skiles family of Western Pennsylvania, among them Henry Skiles, of Bellevue, Allegheny county, a representative of the third generation in the United States.

(II) James Skiles, son of Andrew Skiles, was born in Eastern Pennsylvania, in the year 1790, died in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He attended the subscription school, and worked on the home farm until about twenty years of age, then came to Western Pennsylvania, settling in Ohio township, Allegheny county. He obtained title to land in the township, which he cleared and on which he erected a house. During the second war

with Great Britain, he enlisted, but before reaching the field of action with his company the war ended and they returned to their homes. He resumed farming and was so engaged until his death. He married Catherine, daughter of John Andrew Emerick. She died in June, 1862. Children: 1. Andrew, married Hannah Rosensteel. 2. Mary, married Henry Young. 3. Adam, died in infancy. 4. Margaret, married Samuel Neely. 5. John, married Fanny Brown. 6. Sarah, married William Neely. 7. Hannah, married Andrew McCawley. 8. Jane, married Philip Creese. 9. William, married Susanna Smith. 10. Rebecca, married Alexander Little. 11. James, married Esther Boli. 12. Samuel, twin of James, married Mary Newell. 13. Henry, of further mention. The family were Presbyterians.

(III) Henry Skiles, son of James and Catherine (Emerick) Skiles, was born in Ohio township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1834. He was educated in public schools, and in early life worked on the home farm. Later he learned the trade of carpenter, an occupation he followed for several years. He then began farming in Franklin township, then spent a year in farming in Beaver county. While in Beaver county, in 1862, he enlisted in Company L, Fourteenth Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry, later was transferred to Company E, of the same regiment, served thirty-five months and was honorably discharged at the close of the war. He saw hard service with the Fourteenth Regiment, fought with General Sheridan up and down the Shenandoah Valley and shared the often hard fortunes of his regiment on many battle fields, but came through all without bodily injury. After the war he worked at his trade for two years, then began farming. In 1884 he purchased his present farm in Franklin township and cultivated its fertile acres, until his retirement, in favor of his son, William J. Skiles, who now operates the farm. He is a member of Franklin Methodist Episcopal Church, is a Republican in politics, and for nine years served his township as school director. Although verging on the eightieth year of an active useful life, Mr. Skiles is still hearty and well-preserved, is interested in current affairs and is thoroughly informed on all public questions.

Mr. Skiles married, in 1854, Kate E., daughter of Peter and Eliza (Wiggins) Boli, and has children: 1. William J., born May 2, 1860, now cultivating the home farm, unmarried. 2. Minnie, born February 14, 1862; married William George, and resides with her father. 3. Guy M., born September 2, 1867; married Margaret Ludwig, and resides in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. 4. Martha E., born December 12, 1869; married Harry L. Watson, and resides in Perrysville, Pennsylvania; children, Nellie, Minnie, Elsie. 5. Henry Price, born March 28, 1874, married Lottie Rusz, and resides in East Liberty, Pennsylvania; children, Dorothy, Helen, Minnie.

KEOWN

When Thomas Keown, a native of Ireland, came to the United States from the land of his birth he was a youth of nineteen years, having been educated in Ireland. He was a son of William Keown, who with his wife passed his entire life in Ireland.

(II) Thomas Keown, son of William Keown, settled soon after his

arrival in the United States on a farm in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, that is now the site of the town of Keown. He bought one hundred acres of land, the purchase price four dollars per acre, and there built a log house, afterward replacing it with one of brick, which is standing to the present time. A great part of this tract he cleared, conducting general farming operations in connection with his work at his trade, brick molding, and prospered in his dual business. The bricks of which his second house was made he manufactured. His church was the Protestant Episcopal, and in public service he filled the offices of school director and township supervisor. He was a public-spirited, dutiful citizen, living a life of usefulness and activity, passed in peace and enjoyable communion with his fellows. He married Anna Pierce, a native of Pennsylvania, of German descent, her parents, Obidiah and Mary Pierce, natives of eastern Pennsylvania, who moved westward to McCandless township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where they died. Children of Thomas and Anna (Pierce) Keown: James, Mary Ann, Jane, John, of whom further, Nancy, Thomas, a soldier in the Union army during the war between the states, in the command of Colonel Clark, William.

(III) John Keown, son of Thomas and Anna (Pierce) Keown, was born at Keown, McCandless township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1839, the locality taking its name from the family founded in Pennsylvania by Thomas Keown. His early education was obtained in the public schools, and after he had reached an age at which his services were useful on the home farm, his opportunities for school attendance were limited to about three months a year. He became a farmer when a young man, and until he was forty-five years of age cultivated the home farm, then becoming keeper of the toll gate at Pine Creek and Wexford roads, a position he held for fourteen years. In 1892 he was appointed postmaster at the Keown post office, McCandless township, by President Cleveland, and held it for seventeen years, and then resigned. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Keown married, in 1868, Margaret Ann Graley, born in Ireland, daughter of Robert and Jane (Hastings) Graley, her parents both natives of Ireland, where Robert Graley died, her mother marrying again, her second husband William Sharp. Her second marriage occurred after her emigration to the United States with her two children, her mother, and brothers. Jane Hastings was a daughter of David and Jane Hastings, her father dying in Ireland, her mother in the United States, and she was three weeks on the sea en route to this country, settling immediately in Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side). Children of John and Margaret Ann (Graley) Keown: 1. Robert Graley, lives on the homestead in McCandless township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania; he has been justice of the peace for three terms. 2. Thomas Francis, lives at home, an employee of the Western Electric Company, his duties those of inspector. 3. Anna Elizabeth, deceased; married Charles Schafer, and had children: Earl, Charles, Anna Margaret, the latter of whom lives with her grandparents. 4. John Davis,

resides in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, employed by the Manufacturers' Light and Heat Company. 5. Harry Lynn, lives in Westview, Pennsylvania. 6. Elva Jane, lives at home. 7. Margaret Edith, lives at home.

SHENOT

Christian Shenot, a native of South Germany, emigrated to America in 1855, and settled at Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. Later he removed to Franklin township, Allegheny county, and then to Marshall township, in the same county, where he became the owner of three hundred acres of land, a large part of which he cleared and cultivated. He gave his political support to the Democratic party, and was a member of the Catholic Church. His death occurred in 1874. Prior to coming to America, he married Mary Shaffer, and they had children: August N., of further mention; Mary, Peter, Sophia, Mathias.

(II) August N. Shenot, son of Christian and Mary (Shaffer) Shenot, was born in South Germany about 1850, died in 1889. He was a very young child when brought to this country by his parents, and received his education here in the public schools. He was a farmer all his life, active in the interests of the Democratic party, and a devout member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Shenot married Catherine, a daughter of Ignatius Brooker, who owned all the land on which Wexford is now located. Children: Charles P., of further mention; William, living in Pittsburgh, married Josephine Carlisle; Matilda, unmarried, lives with her mother; Henry, in the dairy business in Pittsburgh, in association with his brother Charles P.; Edward, living on the old homestead, married Elizabeth Rudolph.

(III) Charles P. Shenot, son of August N. and Catherine (Brooker) Shenot, was born in Marshall township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 28, 1877. He acquired a sound practical education in the public schools of Wexford, Allegheny county, and made the best use of his opportunities. He has always been actively identified with agricultural pursuits, and is now engaged in farming, making a specialty of growing fruits and dairy farming. In both of these branches he has been very successful. His political affiliation is with the Democratic party, in whose interests he has been an active worker, and he served for a time as township inspector. His religious allegiance is with the Catholic Church, of which he is a devout member, and to which he gives generously of his means. Mr. Shenot married Elizabeth Schwindman, and they have had children: Earl, Loretta, Mary, Clara.

(The Schwindman Line.)

(I) Wendel Schwindman, a native of Germany, came to America in 1841, and settled at Warrendale, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He married Martha Brooker and had children: Philip, of further mention; Elizabeth, Mary, Margarethe.

(II) Philip Schwindman, son of Wendel and Martha (Brooker) Schwindman, was born in Baden, Germany, May 16, 1818. He was educated in Germany, and after his arrival in this country attended night school for a time in order to acquire a mastery of the English language. His re-

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ligious connection was with the Catholic Church, and he was an active worker in the interests of the Democratic party, later serving as school director and as town supervisor. At the time of his death he was the owner of three hundred and fifty acres of land in Marshall township. He married Mary Ann Corn, and had children: Pauline, who died at the age of twenty-six years; David, of further mention; Elizabeth, deceased; Lizzy, unmarried, lives in Pittsburgh; Joseph, died in 1905.

(III) David Schwindman, son of Philip and Mary Ann (Corn) Schwindman, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1845. He was educated in the public schools in the vicinity of his home, and his youthful years were spent in the usual manner of a farmer's son. Later he became the owner of four hundred and fifty acres of land in Marshall and Pine townships, which he cultivates in an up-to-date and profitable manner. He is a Democrat, and has served as school director and tax collector of the township, and he is a member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Schwindman married Matilda, a daughter of Henry Blum, of Pittsburgh, and they have had children: Henry, married Maggie Shenot, lives in Pine township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania; Emma, married Albert Gogler, lives in Oakland, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, who married Mr. Shenot, as above stated; Clara, married Leo Whelan, born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, now living in Marshall township, Allegheny county, and they have had children: Edward, Hilda, Charles, Mary.

JORDAN

The Jordan family had its origin in France, where we find it as Jourdain or Jourdaine, and from thence it came to England and Germany, where the form of the name was slightly changed. The name was probably first adopted as a surname by some man who had been a crusader or pilgrim to Palestine, and looked upon the historic stream. A number of members of this family have come to America, one being known to have died in Pittsburgh during the cholera epidemic of 1849; another went to Austria, where he died, and they are now scattered all through Germany and the United States.

Sebastian Jordan, brother of the two mentioned above, was born in Baden, Germany, in 1822, died in Karlsruhe, May 7, 1872. He was a machinist by trade, and later became an engine builder of note, following this occupation until his death, at which time he was a resident of Karlsruhe, Baden, Germany. He and his wife were devout Roman Catholics. He married Thekla Adams, born in Baden, October 4, 1826, died June 4, 1898. But little is known of her family except that she had six sisters, and one brother, Tobias Adams, who owned and operated several flour mills in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Jordan became the parents of one child.

Rev. William L. J. Jordan, son of Sebastian and Thekla (Adams) Jordan, was born in the town of Karlsruhe, Baden, Germany, September 13, 1864, and was about seven years of age when death robbed him of his father. The public schools in the vicinity of his birthplace provided his elementary education, and he then prepared for the university at the Gymnasium, which

about corresponds to the American high schools. From his earliest years he had shown great aptitude in his studies, and having matriculated at the Freiburg University, was graduated from this institution in 1887 with honor. In that year he came to the United States and took up his theological studies at St. Vincent's Abbey, Beatty, Pennsylvania, and was graduated in 1888. He was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, July 13, 1888, and his colleagues admit that he is one of the most learned men among them. In addition to his native tongue, German, he speaks about five other languages, and a number of dialects fluently, and has a superficial knowledge of several others. He is an expert in the study and translation of Hebrew, and has made an exhaustive study of the early Scriptures. His first charge was the church at Altoona, Pennsylvania, where he remained until 1892; he was then about one year at Rochester, Pennsylvania; Wexford, Pennsylvania, until November, 1894, when he returned to Altoona, Pennsylvania, remaining there until 1897. In November of that year he was given charge of the church and parish of St. Francis, at Homestead, Pennsylvania, and is still the minister of that flock. St. Francis' Roman Catholic Church of Homestead was founded in 1890 by Rev. Father John B. Duffner, then located at St. Peter's Church, on South Side, Pittsburgh. Father Norbert Bausch was in charge from 1892 until 1897, since which time the responsibilities of this parish have been borne by Rev. Jordan. He has the valuable gift of being able to arouse the interest of his parishioners and of keeping this interest alive. This is greatly due to the personal note in all he does for the people under his charge, and they feel that they have in him, not alone the priest who looks after their spiritual welfare, but the man, with the warm, human heart in his breast, who is ready to sympathize with them in all their little troubles, however insignificant they may appear to be. There are about seventy-five families in this parish, and Rev. Jordan has built a fine, new brick church and school, and has greatly improved matters in general. He has visited the land of his birth three times, in 1896, 1908, and in 1913, each time bringing here, upon his return, new ideas for the comfort and benefit of his beloved parishioners.

CLARK

Numerous pioneers by the name of Clark and Clarke came to New England during the first years of its settlement, the name having been common in all parts of England for many centuries. The arms of the Suffolk branch of the family are: Argent, on a bend gules, between three roundels sable, as many swans in the field. Crest: Out of a tau cross or, three roses gules, leaves vert, between a pair of wings azure. Motto: *Secretum mei gaudii in cruce.* Owing to the frequent loss and total destruction of early Colonial records, due to Indian raids and other causes, it is not always possible to trace descent from early settlers with accuracy at this day. That the Clark family was numerously and honorably represented in the New England Colonies is a matter of historical record, and from that section they migrated to others, until they are now to be found in every state in the Union.

Charles Clark, whose parents lived and died in the state of Massachusetts, was educated in the public schools of that state, and in early manhood came to Pennsylvania, where he settled at McKeesport, and there was superintendent of a department in an iron factory. He soon abandoned this, however, and engaged in business as a general merchant, continuing this for some years, then became a traveling salesman, an occupation with which he was identified until his death. He took an active part in the public affairs of his town in the interests of the Republican party, and served as a school director. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Clark married, June 10, 1862, Mary Emeline Mouck, born in Findlayville, Washington county, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1842, the Rev. M. McKinstry officiating at this ceremony. Her family line is subjoined. They had children: Nannie Viola, born February 27, 1863, lives with her mother; Emma Lucretia, born September 4, 1864, married James Laubie, died in Pittsburgh; William Edward, born February 5, 1867, is a clerk and lives in Knoxville, Pittsburgh; George Mosely, born January 17, 1869, died in infancy; Gertrude, born January 22, 1871, married Frank Holmes, and lives in Crafton, Pennsylvania; Charles, born January 6, 1876, is purchasing agent for the Pittsburgh Forge and Iron Company, and resides with his mother; Louis Caster, born June 11, 1878, a salesman with the May Lumber Company, also resides with his mother; Ada Kathleen, born August 4, 1881, resides with her mother; Merton Philips, born October 15, 1883, is a civil engineer, and superintendent of the Bessemer Coal and Coke Company.

(The Philips Line.)

(I) Joseph Philips married Mary ——.

(II) Rev. David Philips, son of Joseph and Mary Philips, came from Wales to America prior to the Revolution, and took an active part in that conflict, having command as captain of a company of militia. He married Mary Thomas and had thirteen children, all now deceased.

(III) Josiah Philips, son of Rev. David and Mary (Thomas) Philips, was an extensive land owner in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he was a farmer. He married (first) Sarah Bell, and had children: David, Mary, John, Joseph, Robert, Lizzie, Isaac, Sarah, Nancy, of further mention; Josiah. He married (second) Mrs. —— Blackmore and had children: Margaret, Richard, William, James.

(IV) Nancy Philips, daughter of Josiah and Sarah (Bell) Philips, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where she grew to maturity, and married William Mouck, a son of John Mouck, an old resident of Washington county. Mr. and Mrs. Mouck removed to McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in cabinet making and as a funeral director. In his later years he retired from business occupation, and died at the advanced age of ninety-eight years in Washington county, and is buried at McKeesport. Both were members of the Baptist Church. They had children: Josiah, a lieutenant in the Union army, was killed by a sharpshooter at the battle of Gettysburg; Edward, deceased;

Mary Emeline, of further mention; Sarah Belle, married James Miller; William, a farmer in West Chester, Pennsylvania; Lorena, married Edwin Miller, and died leaving two children; Anna Adelaide, died in early youth; Elizabeth Ellen, died at the age of seven years.

(V) Mary Emeline Mouck, daughter of William and Nancy (Philips) Mouck, married Charles Clark, as above stated. She is a Daughter of the American Revolution. She removed to Crafton, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, about 1905, and purchased a fine house on Oregon avenue, where she still resides.

DAVIES. Before the general adoption of surnames in Great Britain, the Welsh people were accustomed to distinguish those bearing the same Christian name from one another by adding the father's name with a possessive, as "Harry's, "David's" and these were in time shortened and slightly varied, thus forming the very frequent names among those people of Williams, Jones, Harris, Davis, or Davies, etc.

(I) Thomas Davies was born in Merthyrtydvil, Glamorganshire, Wales, and spent his entire life there with the exception of three years spent in America. He was employed in the iron mills. He married Catherine Howells, a daughter of Morgan Howells, who was either a brother or a nephew of Lord Wadleigh, whose estate is now lying idle because the direct line has died out. They had children: Thomas, of further mention; John, William, Rees, Philip, Edward, Catherine, Mary, died in girlhood.

(II) Thomas (2) Davies, son of Thomas (1) and Catherine (Howells) Davies, was born in Merthyrtydvil, Wales, in 1805, died in Chicago, Illinois, in 1869. He was a worker in a rolling mill, and in 1866, with his wife and four children, he emigrated to America to join their three eldest sons, who had already made their homes here. They located in Chicago, where they were members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Davies married, in Wales, Mary Williams, born in the same village as her husband, in 1815, died in Chicago, in 1885. She was a daughter of Rees and Mary (Richards) Williams, both natives of the same town, where he was a miner. They had other children: Susanna, married Robert Davies; Margaret, married Samuel Richards; another daughter who died in infancy. Mary (Richards) Williams was a daughter of Edward and Catherine (Morgan) Richards, and a granddaughter of Sir Charles Morgan, later Lord Tredegar. Catherine (Morgan) Richards, in early youth, eloped with Edward Richards, a man of humbler birth than her own, and was disowned by her family in consequence of this step, the large estate going to other members of the family. The present Lord Tredegar, a bachelor, is a distant cousin of Mr. Davies. Mr. and Mrs. Davies had children: Thomas, who came to America in 1860, became a worker in a rolling mill in Chicago, and died in that city; Rees, who came a little later, died in Pueblo, Colorado, where he was the owner of a part of a silver mine; Edward, died in infancy; Catherine, married John L. Jones, and died at Simpson, Kansas; William, died in infancy; Edward,

who came to America early in 1866, also worked in a rolling mill in Chicago, and also died there; John R., of further mention; William, a steel worker many years, now a grocer, lives in Joliet, Illinois; Mary, died in Wales at the age of seven years; Philip, died in Chicago, where he was employed as a superintendent in a steel mill.

(III) John R. Davies, son of Thomas (2) and Mary (Williams) Davies, was born in Merthyrtydvil, Glamorganshire, Wales, December 22, 1848. He acquired his education in the Aberdare public schools, then commenced working in the rolling mills of the Abernant Iron Works, in Abernant, a suburb of Aberdare. In 1866 he came to America with the others of the family, and found employment in rolling mills in Chicago, in which city he lived until 1888. From 1882 until 1885 he had held the position of superintendent in the rolling mill, and in April, of that last mentioned year, he went to La Grange, Missouri, in order to superintend the completion of the construction work on the plant which his company was erecting there. He then returned to Chicago, as the company for which he worked had gone into bankruptcy, then superintended the installation of machinery for a company at Bridgeport, Illinois, after which he became a boss roller. In 1888 he was in receipt of an offer from the Allegheny Bessemer Steel Company, and in consequence of this came to Duquesne, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in order to install the machinery in their new plant. He was then superintendent for the company until his retirement sixteen years later, with the exception of a short period spent in Pottsville, while installing machinery and reorganizing the steel mill there. He is one of the oldest men in his line of business. As a member of the Republican party he has served on the Duquesne board of health. He has built a beautiful brick residence at No. 315 Kennedy street, opposite the high school, and since his retirement from the steel industry has done considerable business along real estate lines.

Mr. Davies married, in 1872, Sarah Ann Price, born in Ebbw Vale, Monmouthshire, South Wales, a daughter of Thomas Price. Her mother died in Wales, and in 1869 she came to America to join her father, who had preceded her. Mr. and Mrs. Davies have had children: Thomas P., who lives in Duquesne, is assistant chief mechanical engineer in the local steel works; Taleasen H., a physician in the State Hospital at Farnhurst, Delaware; Jennie, married John Jarrett, lives in Duquesne; Edith, at home; John, secretary and treasurer of the Duquesne Trust Company; May, at home; Marian, married Howard Knapp, lives in Duquesne; Hayden, died at the age of eighteen months; Alma, at home.

SMITH

Writing in her diary, September 18, 1795, Mrs. Elizabeth Drinker, the well-known Quakeress of Philadelphia, says: "Saml Smith of Bucks C'y, Saml Smith of Philada, and Sally Smith called this morning. Those three Smiths are in no way related—it is I believe the most common name in Europe and North America." One reason for the commonness of this name is that it is one of the so-called

trade names, being derived form the trade or work of the original owners, and at first being prefixed by the article "the."

(I) Samuel Smith, who lived and died in England, was the father of: 1. Frederick, a local preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and also a coal ganger; died in McKeesport. 2. Leonard, a horse trainer and dealer; died in Pittsburgh. 3. Henry, died in early manhood in the United States. 4. George, of further mention. 5. Eliza, died unmarried, in young womanhood.

(II) Captain George Smith, son of Samuel Smith, was born in Easton Parish, Wiltshire, England, June 3, 1816, died June 15, 1884. At an unusually early age he learned the carpenter's trade in his native land, and at the age of fourteen years emigrated to the United States. There were no railroads at that time, and he drove overland to Zanesville, Ohio, and worked there as a carpenter until 1836, and then went on the Ohio river as a boatman. He was a large and powerfully built man, like his father, and well adapted to battle with the hardships which his calling brought. It was no long time before he was advanced to the position of pilot, and for thirty years he served as pilot and captain on the Monongahela and Ohio rivers. About 1852 he bought a house and farm in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and his family lived in the country until 1864, when they removed to McKeesport. In that town he then operated a grist mill, and was captain of the "Dolphin" at this time. In 1866 this boat was burned, and Mr. Smith then engaged in the coal business with Thomas Fawcett. In 1882 he was elected chief of police of McKeesport, and filled this position until his death. His administration of affairs was universally commended. He was a highly respected man, never making a promise without due deliberation, and never breaking one. He married, in 1842, Mary Jones, born in Lirhory, Parish of Bedwealthy, county Monmouth, Wales, April 23, 1824, who came to this country with her parents when she was a little girl. She was a daughter of Henry and Ann Jones, born in Wales, where he became an ironworker. About the year 1830 they emigrated to Maryland, and later went to Wheeling, West Virginia, where the marriage of Mrs. Smith occurred. Later Mr. and Mrs. Jones removed to Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, where he worked as a heater in a steel furnace. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Jones had children: 1. William, deceased; was a heater in the rolling mill at Sharpsburg. 2. Henry, also deceased; a heater, like his brother. 3. Nancy Jane, married Samuel J. Hemmingray, both now deceased; lived in Covington, Kentucky, where he was the owner and operator of glass works. 4. Mary, who married Captain Smith, as above stated. 5. Henrietta, married Henry Mahey; lived in Pittsburgh. 6. Susan, married S. S. Peterson, a retail shoe dealer of McKeesport. 7. Rose, married William L. Corbett, an attorney of Clarion, Pennsylvania. Captain George and Mary (Jones) Smith had children: 1. Thomas A., who served during the Civil War in Company H, Eleventh Regiment Pennsylvania Reserves;

lives in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. 2. Margaret, married Edwin Kline; lives in Peru, Indiana. 3. William H., of further mention. 4. Frank F., deals in real estate; lives in Seattle, Washington; married Mary Taylor. 5. George F., lives in Port Townsend, Washington, where he is county commissioner; married Fannie Hardwick. 6. Victor W., the proprietor of a general store in Derry, Pennsylvania. 7. Nettie, married Robert Parkin; lives in McKeesport. 8. Carrie, married Wallace Smith, foreman in the National Rolling Mill, at McKeesport. 9. Rose, married B. J. Work, foreman in the McKeesport Tin Plate Mill.

(III) William H. Smith, son of Captain George and Mary (Jones) Smith, was born on South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1848. He was educated in the public schools in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, attending them until he was twelve years of age, then worked with his father on the river until 1866. Soon after this he accepted a position in the Chess Rolling Mill in Pittsburgh, then went to Wood's Mill in McKeesport, where he worked twenty-four successive years as a heater. His health then failing, he left the mill in 1897, after which he was appointed tax collector of McKeesport, an office he filled six years. He is Republican in politics, and is now one of the assessors of Allegheny county. He belongs to the First Baptist Church, of which he has been a trustee for fifteen years, and he is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. He built the first house on Penney street, McKeesport, and has seen the town grow from a population of eighteen hundred to one of forty-five thousand inhabitants. He has been an industrious and thrifty man, and is the owner of considerable real estate.

Mr. Smith married, January 19, 1868, Olive J. Clark, born in Versailles township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Catherine (Irwin) Clark, he a native of Ireland, she born in the United States. He was a prominent coal merchant in McKeesport, and died in 1866. His widow married (second) Thomas Penney, at that time cashier of the First National Bank of McKeesport. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had children: 1. Duane P., married (first) Annie Daft, (second) Allie Reed; he lives in Woodlawn, Pennsylvania, where he is superintendent of the Jones & Laughlin Mill; he served on the board of school controllers in McKeesport for fourteen years. 2. Maud, married W. C. Hughes; died October 11, 1898. 3. Nellie, at home. 4. Don Corbett, unmarried, lives in Cleveland, Ohio, where he is ticket agent for the New York Central Railroad Company.

ZIMMERMAN

This name, which translated is "carpenter," belongs to an old family of Germany, whose ancestor was probably a carpenter at the time surnames were adopted, and so took the name of his calling.

Philip Zimmerman was born in the village of Naukircher, in February, 1829, died March 20, 1878. There he attended the public schools, and was

apprenticed to learn the butcher's trade. In 1854 he emigrated to America, and settled in Ohio, in company with his mother and his two sisters: Louise, who married Charles Fisher, and Caroline, who married Andrew Bach. Subsequently he removed to McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there worked in the coal mines for a considerable length of time. By this means he amassed a sufficient capital to start in business in association with a cousin, Charles Zimmerman, and they opened a butcher shop. This was carried on successfully for a time, and in 1871 Philip Zimmerman purchased a hotel on Market street, between Second and Third streets, with the conduct of which he was successfully identified until his death in 1878. Toward the close of the Civil War he enlisted in Company L, Fourth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and served six months. He was a Lutheran in his religious faith. After his death, his widow, a woman of remarkable business qualifications combined with the hardy constitution of the sturdy German race, took up his unfinished work, and managed the hotel until 1886. She then sold it and remodeled a hotel she had purchased at the corner of Eleventh avenue and Walnut street. By dint of thrift and economy she paid off all the debts which had been contracted, and after a while built a number of houses, and is now living retired at No. 307 Eleventh avenue. Hard and continued work seems to have acted as a tonic for her, for although now seventy-five years of age, she does not look over sixty years of age, and feels strong in proportion. She has not alone acquired a comfortable fortune for her own subsistence, but has substantially aided her children and grandchildren. She is a devout Roman Catholic.

Mr. Zimmerman married, June 27, 1858, Barbara Gross, born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1839, a daughter of Peter and Margaret (Nye) Gross, both natives of Germany, who came to America on their wedding trip. He became a coal miner at Stonesburg, now Dravosburg, and died when about seventy years old. His wife died at the age of sixty-two years, and they were both members of the Catholic Church. They had seven sons and five daughters, of whom the following are now living: Jacob, lives in Dravosburg; Kate, Barbara, who married Mr. Zimmerman; Maggie, Peter, Christian, Mary, Anna, Martha. Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman had children: 1. Caroline, married Wilson Bierly, a boss in Wood's Steel Mill, and lives in Jenny Lind street; they have children: Ruth and Wilson. 2. Charles, died September 2, 1886; he married Margaret Miller, and had children: Caroline, died at the age of two years; Marian, married William Damm, manager of the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, at McKeesport, and has children: Helen, and Chester, died October 9, 1913. 3. John, is an electrician, and lives in Los Angeles, California; he married Lena ——, and has children: Earl and Charles.

MATLACK

The Matlack family has been represented in the state of Pennsylvania for a number of generations, and has been noted for the large number of its members who have entered professional life, especially the medical profession, in which they have done much for the cause of humanity.

Thomas Matlack was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, where his family had been resident many years, and where his entire life was spent. He was a Quaker, as his forebears had been for many generations. He followed the occupation of farming. He married Eliza McFarland, and had children: James M., of further mention; Richard, a physician in Chester county; Frank, a physician, now deceased, who practiced in Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania; William, a physician of Eastern Pennsylvania; Thomas, a farmer of Chester county; George, deceased; Jane, married Jacob McFarland, and lives in Philadelphia.

Dr. James M. Matlack, son of Thomas and Eliza (McFarland) Matlack, was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1833, died April 22, 1877. He received his preparatory education in his native county, then matriculated at a medical college in Philadelphia, from which he was graduated with honor, the degree of Doctor of Medicine being conferred upon him. During the Civil War he was an active participant in the struggle as assistant surgeon. For a few years he was located in Braddock, Pennsylvania, but after his marriage, removed to Turtle Creek, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and had acquired an excellent practice there, when his early death removed him from the scene of his activities. After his death his widow removed with the children to Braddock, Pennsylvania, where she lived in the house now occupied by her daughter, Mrs. Margaret (Matlack) Brown. Dr. Matlack was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Dr. Matlack married, in 1868, Mary McKinney, born above the steel works, at Braddock, died April 4, 1913. They had children: Eliza, who died in 1891, and Margaret M., married William Smith Brown, the mother of two children: Mary Matlack and William Smith Brown Jr.

William McKinney, grandfather of Mrs. Matlack, was born in county Donegal, Ireland, married there, and there all his children were born. He was a wealthy farmer. He died at the age of ninety-six years, leaving his large landed estate to his two sons. He was a strict observer of the faith of the United Presbyterian denomination. His children were: John, of further mention; Robert, Mary, Sarah, Nancy.

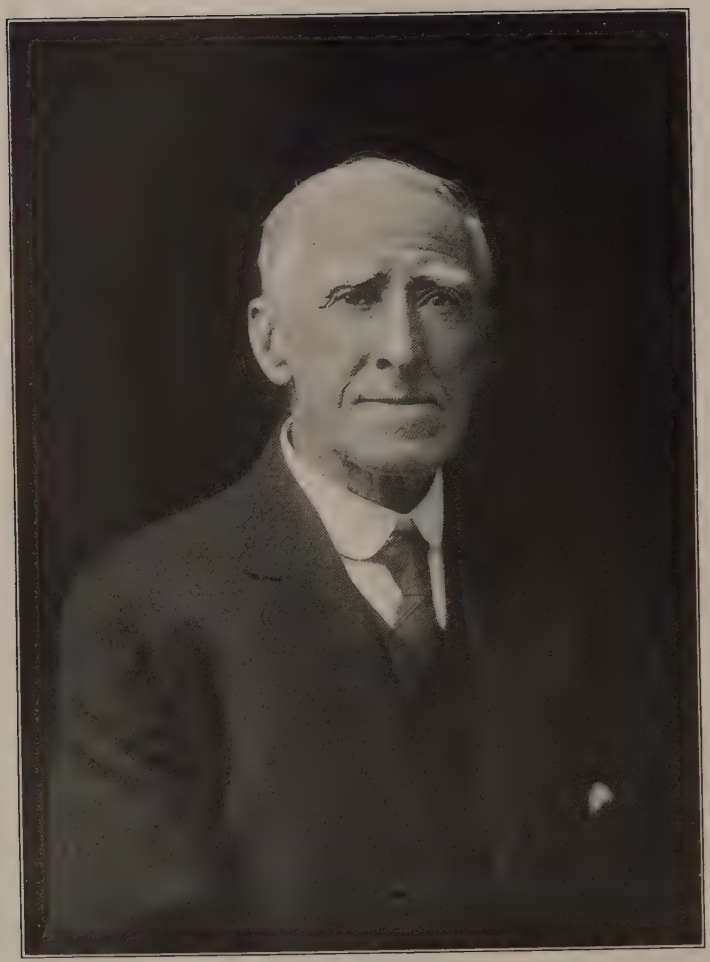
John McKinney, son of William McKinney, was eleven years of age when his parents removed to Albany, New York, and six years later they were among the first settlers at Frazier's Fields, now a part of Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He was a prosperous farmer, and a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He married Rebecca McGlynn, who was a child when she came to this country from Ireland with her parents. They had children: Martha, married William Curry, and lived in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania; William, deceased; Mary, who

married Dr. Matlack, as above stated; Anna, married L. C. Brinton, and lives at Newcastle, Pennsylvania; several others, who died in infancy.

KENNY

From Ireland to eastern Pennsylvania and thence across the mountains to the sparsely settled regions of Allegheny county is the route that was traversed by Charles Kenny, a native of Ireland, who came to the United States in young manhood. His first home was in Westchester, Chester county, Pennsylvania, and he there married, in that county holding place in the public service as recorder. In 1818 he and his family crossed the mountains by wagon, settling in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he had previously bought one hundred and eighteen acres of land. At the time of his settlement on the farm the only building standing thereon was a log house, small in size and in poor repair, so that one of the first works of the family was to provide more suitable shelter, which was soon done. Charles Kenny prospered in his agricultural operations, and added to his original property a farm adjoining it and likewise another farm in the same region, his death occurring in that place. His old farm is the present site of the Kennywood Park, a famous amusement resort. After his death his widow moved to McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where she died aged eighty-four years. He married Mary Jenkins, born in Baltimore, Maryland, and had children: 1. Charity Ann, married a Mr. Conway, and died in the west, her husband a man prominent in public affairs. 2. Thomas Jenkins, of whom further. 3. Anthony, a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 4. Charles, a Jesuit missionary, died in the west at an advanced age.

(II) Thomas Jenkins Kenny, son of Charles and Mary (Jenkins) Kenny, was born in Westchester, Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1801, died July 26, 1894. He and his brother Charles, proceeded westward on foot in advance of the remainder of their family, and upon arriving in Allegheny county the two made the preliminary preparations toward placing the farm in order. When they were joined later by their parents work began in earnest and soon their land was yielding a generous harvest. Mr. Kenny assisted in the cultivation of the home farm for a time, and then began the operation of some coal land discovered within the boundaries of the Kenny property, becoming a pioneer in this industry and continuing for thirty-five years. While supplying many local dealers with a high grade of coal, he shipped a large quantity to ports down the river, among them New Orleans and Cincinnati, both ready markets and well able to accommodate any quantity of which he could not dispose at home. Thomas Jenkins Kenny also contracted numerous other business relations in addition to his private interests, and attained wide prominence, being one of the organizers of the Braddock National Bank, whose sturdy present condition shows the firmness of its foundation, and was connected with the old Pittsburgh Bank. Papers and documents that he wrote and to which he



Anthony H. Kenny

affixed his signature show him to have been a talented penman, his writing even, regular and beautiful. His activity in politics was always in the behalf of a candidate he deemed worthy, and not only would he not raise a finger to secure the honors of public office for himself but he would not permit his admiring friends to advance his name for such preference. He was, with his wife, a member of the Roman Catholic Church, both being buried in the cemetery at Braddock, Pennsylvania. Many of the years of his life were passed in Braddock, Pennsylvania, but a few years prior to his death he moved to Homestead, Pennsylvania, where he died.

He married Ann McGinn, born in Ireland, died in 1886, daughter of Irish parents, who brought her at an early age to Pittsburgh, where she grew to maturity. Her parents had children: 1. Ellen, took the Sister's vows and died in a convent. 2. John, died in the west. 3. Sarah, took the Sister's vows and died in a convent. 4. Ann, of previous mention, married Thomas Jenkins Kenny. 5. Matthew, died in Pittsburgh. Children of Thomas Jenkins and Ann (McGinn) Kenny: 1. Charles, died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, aged eighty years. 2. Mary, a Sister in a Cincinnati convent, died young. 3. Anthony Herron, of whom further. 4. Thomas, a coal operator, died in Homestead, Pennsylvania, February 25, 1912. 5. Annie, a Sister in a convent, in Cincinnati, Ohio. 6. Agnes G., married John G. Kelly, and resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 7. William F., married Mary Layton and they live in Indianapolis, Indiana; two children: Mary and Margaret.

(III) Anthony Herron Kenny, son of Thomas Jenkins and Ann (McGinn) Kenny, was born at Kennywood, Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 28, 1835. He obtained his early education in the public schools, and was reared to manhood on the old Kenny farm, as a young man engaging in coal dealing with his father and brothers until the field, which was their source of supply, was exhausted, a condition it reached about 1881. Moving to Homestead, Pennsylvania, he was for several years a coal dealer in that place, the pressure of private affairs and the administration of his estate causing his retirement from that line of endeavor. He is affiliated with numerous business enterprises in Allegheny county, among his interests being a stockholder of the Monongahela Trust Company, of which he was an organizer. He was at one time the proprietor of a small and unpretentious picnic-ground at Kennywood, a locality deriving its name from the family, in its place having grown up Kennywood Park, an amusement center of wide fame, patronized during the summer season by vast crowds of pleasure seekers. Mr. Kenny is a Democrat in political faith, and with his wife affiliated with St. Mary Magdalene's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Kenny married, in 1870, Mary Josephine Maggini, born in Ohio, for many years a resident of Dayton and Brown county, Ohio. Children: 1. Ann, lives at home. 2. Mary, lives at home. 3. Florence A., married Dr. A. F. Walsh, and resides in Crafton, Pennsylvania; children: Mary Louise, Richard Ennis, Jane, Josephine A. 4. Albert A., for many years

manager of a hardware store, lives at home. 5. Stella, lives at home. 6. Thomas J., a real estate dealer, lives at home. 7. Marian, lives at home. 8. Ruth, married Clement Cochran, an expert machinist and salesman, and resides in Buffalo, New York.

WINTERBERGER

From Alsace, that province so long a bone of contention between Germany and France and one whose fate now hangs in the balance, came Nicholas Winterberger to Western Pennsylvania, in 1864. He was born in Alsace, then belonging to France, in 1830, was educated in French schools and served seven years in the French army. He was a farmer in his native land, and after coming to the Pittsburgh district, in 1864, continued that occupation on an Allegheny county farm. Later he worked in the steel mills owned by Jones & Laughlin for six years, then bought a farm in Franklin township, on which he lived until his death in September, 1912. He was the only one of his family to come to the United States, except a brother who came some years afterwards, went to St. Louis and was not again heard from. The family were Roman Catholics in religion. Nicholas Winterberger married Catherine Fernbach, who died July 20, 1903. Children: 1. Catherine, deceased; married George Grieshaber. 2. John, died unmarried. 3. Nicholas (2). 4. Mary, died in infancy. 5. Mark, died in infancy. 6. George, died in infancy. 7. A son, died unnamed. 8. Andrew James, of whom further.

Andrew James Winterberger, son of Nicholas and Catherine (Fernbach) Winterberger, was born on his father's farm on Big Sewickley creek, Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1873. He was educated in the public schools of the township, and until the age of twenty-two years was his father's assistant on the farm. In 1895 he opened a general store in Franklin township, near Sewickley, which he has conducted most successfully until the present time. He also owns and operates his farm of seventy-five acres, his home and store being on the same farm. He is a wide-awake, capable man of business and as merchant and farmer ranks with the successful solid men of the township. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Winterberger married, January 20, 1904, Susanna Sloop, born October 3, 1878, daughter of John and Margaret Sloop. Children: Ambrose John, born December 9, 1904; Bernard Frederick, June 4, 1907; Margaret, October 14, 1909; Joseph, January 14, 1912.

MITESSER

The American record of this branch of the German family of Mitesser is so brief that any considerable narative of the family history would of necessity deal with its life in the homeland. This chronicle begins with the grandfather of John Mitesser, of Glenshaw, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, Adam Mitesser, a farmer of Germany, who attained the wonderful age of ninety-eight years.

He married and had children, one of his sons being Frank, of whom further.

(II) Frank Mitesser, son of Adam Mitesser, was born in Germany, and there passed his entire life. His occupation was that of farmer. He married Lora, daughter of John Stumph, her father a farmer of Germany, and had children: 1. George, lives in Germany, a farmer. 2. Barbara, lives in her native land. 3. John, of whom further.

(III) John Mitesser, son of Frank and Lora (Stumph) Mitesser, was born in Germany, October 28, 1858. He was there educated, and soon after attaining his majority emigrated to the United States, settling first in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and then moving to Westmoreland county. He was in the latter locality but one summer, after which he was for fifteen months employed on a farm in Iowa, subsequently coming eastward to Milwaukee. Two months later he went to the northern part of the state of Wisconsin, remaining there for four months, passing the next three and one-half years employed in a brewery in Milwaukee. For one year after his marriage in 1886 he remained in Milwaukee, then spent a like period of time in Minnesota, after which he returned to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and for twenty-six years rented land in Shaler township, on which he conducted gardening operations. In 1905 he purchased his present tract of ten acres in this same township, and continues gardening in that place to the present time. He is a member of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Mitesser married a widow, Augusta Louisa (Gantz) Hauk, who was the mother of four children: Joseph, Martin, Theresa, married a William Elder Jr., Emma, married Adam Hufnagel Jr. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Mitesser: Alvin, John M., August, George.

SOOSE

The founder of the Soose family of Germany in Pennsylvania, Godlip Soose, a native of Germany, was a blacksmith by trade, and after coming to the United States settled in Pittsburgh, his home being on Perrysville avenue. After moving to Shaler township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, he purchased a tract of eight acres, and when not busied in his shop, he gave his time to its cultivation. His land holdings gradually increased in size until he was the owner of forty-two acres, on which he lived until his death. He married Anna Leichner, and had children, one of his sons George, of whom further.

(II) George Soose, son of Godlip and Anna (Leichner) Soose, was born in Shaler township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and was educated in the schools of that township. He mastered the trade of blacksmith, and also became employed in gardening, in 1895 purchasing his present place of thirty acres. He made improvements and enlargements upon the buildings thereon, and in addition to raising vegetables for the city market became a fruit grower, his orchards well kept and giving a profitable annual yield. He now lives retired upon the home farm, his son, George, having assumed the responsibility of its management. He and his family are

communicants of the Lutheran Church. George Soose married Ann, born in Germany, daughter of William and Ann Keshner, her parents also natives of Germany, her father, William Keshner, a stone mason by trade, and after locating at Troy Hill, Pennsylvania, became a gardener on a tract of fourteen acres. Children of George and Ann (Keshner) Soose: 1. Andrew, deceased. 2. John, lives on the home farm. 3. Elizabeth, deceased. 4. Minnie, lives at home. 5. George, died in infancy. 6. George, of whom further. 7. Mary, lives at home.

(III) George (2) Soose, son of George (1) and Ann (Keshner) Soose, was born in Shaler township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, June 31, 1891. He was a student in the schools of his native township, and has passed his entire life on the home farm, the management of which fell upon him when he attained man's estate. Schooled in his duties through boyhood training, the additional responsibility has not weighed heavily upon him, and he has taken place among the successful agriculturists of the locality.

FOWLER

Robert Fowler, of Scotch-Irish descent, was one of the first settlers of Marshall township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he owned and cleared considerable land. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church, which he served as elder for forty years. He married and had issue: John H., of further mention; Joseph, killed in the Civil War; William, Ellen, Rosina, Matilda.

(II) John H. Fowler, son of Robert Fowler, was born in Marshall township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, was there educated and grew to manhood, his father's assistant. During the first ten years after leaving home he was a riverman on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, later settling on a farm in Marshall township. He was a justice of the peace for twenty years, a school director, member of the United Presbyterian Church, and a Democrat in politics. He married Matilda, daughter of James Sample, of Marshall township. Children: Rosina, Charles, Robert, deceased, John, deceased, Jennie, deceased, Fannie, Thomas, William J., of further mention.

(III) William J. Fowler, son of John H. and Matilda (Sample) Fowler, was born in Marshall township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1864. He was educated in the public schools, and spent his early life at the home farm. When starting in life for himself, he went to the oil fields and for twelve years worked as an oil pumper. He then returned to Marshall county, where for twenty-six years he has been engaged in general farming, owning his own land. He is a Democrat in politics and for twelve years has served as school director. He is a member of the National Union, the Order of Moose, and of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Fowler married, in April, 1889, Susan, daughter of James Sarver, of Pine Creek, Pennsylvania. Children, all living with their parents and unmarried: Stella, Blanche, Chester, Earl, Ethel.

LEEZER

The Leezer family, represented in the present generation by Charles A. Leezer, a prominent citizen of McKeesport, has long been actively and prominently identified with the interests of the state of Pennsylvania, several generations of the family having resided there.

(I) Daniel Leezer, grandfather of Charles A. Leezer, was among the early settlers of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, from whence he removed to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he resided until his death, which occurred about the year 1863. His wife, Sarah (Hendricks) Leezer, who was a cousin of Vice-President Hendricks, bore him six children: Eli, Esther, Peter, Margaret, John, Jacob G., all deceased.

(II) Jacob G. Leezer, son of Daniel Leezer, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1824, died in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, December 23, 1911. In early life he was employed in a saw mill, later was engaged in the coal business, and subsequently was an extensive lumber dealer, retiring from that line of work in the latter part of his life and thenceforth devoting his time to the management of his property in McKeesport, he having acquired considerable real estate as the result of his years of hard toil. He resided on Fifth avenue, McKeesport, for half a century, and erected the house in which his son, Charles A., resides, located at No. 115 Fifth avenue, about the year 1891. He was one of the organizers of the People's Bank of McKeesport, and for many years served in the various offices of president, vice-president and director. He was a Republican in politics, but never sought or held public office, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a member of the Knights of the Mystic Chain, organizer and treasurer of the Grand Lodge for twenty-one years, and treasurer of the Supreme Lodge. He married Agnes Jane Heath, born in Lincoln township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1831, died July 19, 1910, daughter of Henry and Nancy (Kelly) Heath, both of whom lived and died in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, the latter named having been one of the organizers of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Mr. Heath was a farmer. He and his wife were the parents of eight children: Sebre, deceased; Hezekiah, deceased; Rachel, deceased; Sarah, deceased; Agnes Jane, deceased; Mary A., deceased; Samuel W., Henry G., deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Leezer were the parents of seven children: Henry A.; E. Frank, died November 12, 1883, aged twenty-eight years; Nancy Bell, widow of John A. Woods, resides on Eighth street, McKeesport; Samuel J., a resident of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania; Sarah J., wife of John W. Sawert, of East End, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Charles A., of whom further; Tillie G., wife of George R. McAbee, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

(III) Charles A. Leezer, son of Jacob G. Leezer, was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, March 16, 1868. He obtained a practical education by attendance at the public schools of his native city, and upon the completion of his studies he devoted his attention to securing a thorough knowledge

of the mastery of a boat, and from that time to the present (1914) has been a master and pilot on the river, which has proven a remunerative source of income. He is the owner of the old homestead, which is one of the attractive places of abode in that section of the state. He is a stockholder in the People's Bank, and a member of Aliquippa Lodge, No. 375, Free and Accepted Masons, of McKeesport, McKeesport Chapter, No. 282, Royal Arch Masons, and McKeesport Commandery, No. 86, Knights Templar. He is a Republican in politics. All enterprises that tend toward the development and welfare of the community receive from him a hearty support.

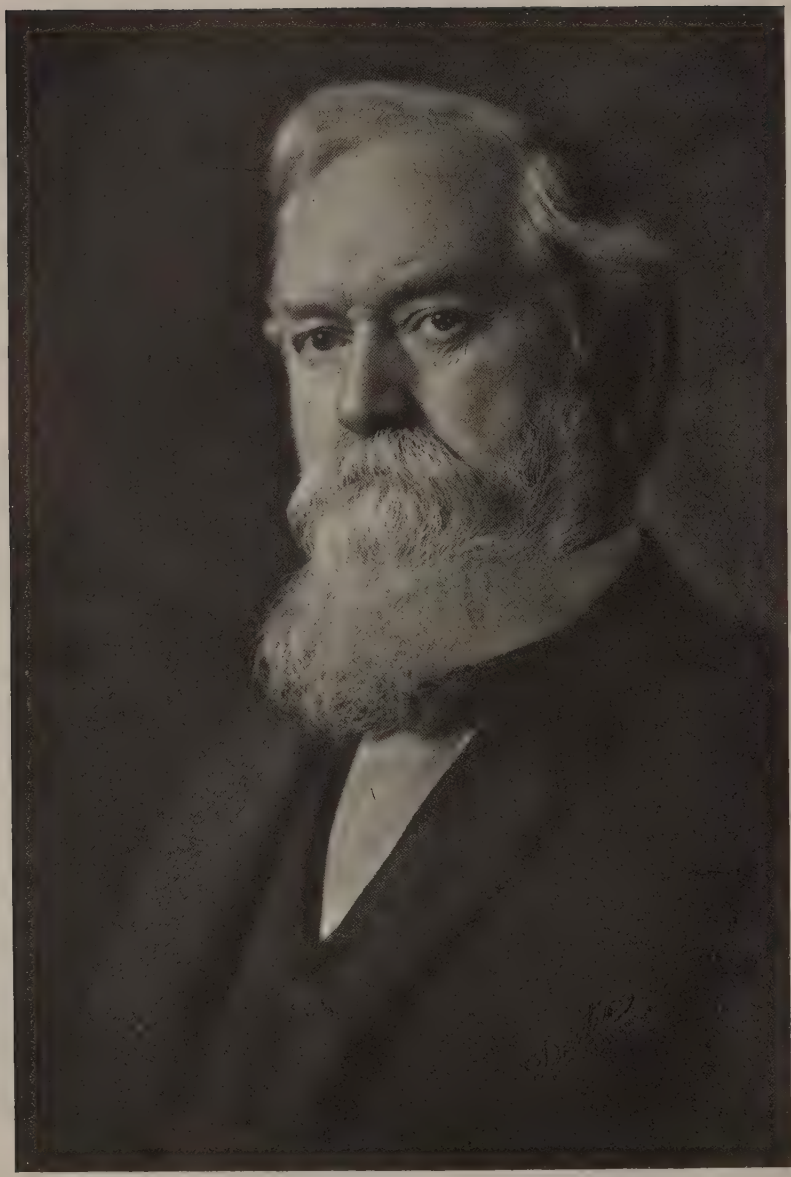
Mr. Leezer married, November 7, 1900, Katharine Boyd, of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, daughter of Captain Robert M. and Mary (McCune) Boyd. They are the parents of one child, Charles Boyd, born July 7, 1905.

DENNY

The Denny family, like a large proportion of the inhabitants of the United States, is of that sturdy and reliable Irish stock which has contributed so much to the prosperity of the entire country, and whose sterling traits of character are worthy of being followed.

Timothy Denny was born in county Carey, Ireland, and after the birth of his two eldest children removed to London, England, where he was engaged in business as a merchant, and died in 1859. He married, in Ireland, Helen McGillicuddy, who died in McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1882. She came to America with six children in 1870. She and her husband were of the Catholic faith, and in McKeesport she became a member of St. Peter's Church. Children, the four youngest born in England: John, a decorator, died in McKeesport in 1882; Timothy, died at the age of twenty-one years in London, England; Thomas, a contractor, died in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1890; Eugene, a merchant, died in McKeesport; Frank, a merchant, died in McKeesport in 1908; William John, of further mention.

William John Denny, son of Timothy and Helen (McGillicuddy) Denny, was born in London, England, December 24, 1858. His school education was commenced in England, and was completed in the night schools of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, while he was learning the trade of glass blowing. Upon his return to McKeesport, where his brothers were already established in the wholesale liquor business, he joined them in this line of business, and as they dropped out, one by one, he took over their share of the business until he became the sole proprietor of what is now the oldest wholesale liquor business in McKeesport. He is, however, actively identified with other business enterprises, and is a stockholder in the Tube City Brewing Company, also a stockholder in The Thomas Moore Distilling Company, and also on the board of directors of the Duquesne Bridge Company. He was one of the organizers of the last mentioned corporation, operating a toll bridge, and has also assisted in organizing a number of other companies for various purposes. He is



F. W. Bailie

independent in his political views, and has the courage of his convictions. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and his religious affiliation is with St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Denny married, in 1892, Caroline, born in Germany, a daughter of Peter and Caroline Koch, and a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. They have had children: Genevieve, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Alice, Lillian, William, Caroline, Helen, Anna.

BAILIE

John Wesley Bailie, an eminent lawyer, bank official and business man of McKeesport for many years, was the youngest son of John and Forbes (Dickson) Bailie, of Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

John Wesley Bailie was born in Elizabeth township, June 9, 1846, died in Pittsburgh, October 16, 1910. After acquiring a good public school education, he began the study of law, entering the law department of the University of Pennsylvania, whence he was graduated and authorized to practice at the Pennsylvania bar. He began practice in McKeesport in association with James Evans, who later became his brother-in-law. He was later engaged in practice with John D. Schafer, who subsequently was elected a judge of the court of common pleas, of Allegheny county. In 1883 he formed an association with Frank Thompson, that was only terminated by death. Mr. Bailie was not actively in practice during the later years, but the partnership existed uninterrupted for over a quarter of a century. He was admitted to practice in all state and federal courts of the district, was a member of the National State and County Bar Associations, and was one of the strong men of the Allegheny county bar. He possessed the entire confidence of his large clientele and was held in high esteem by his professional brethren. While devoted entirely to his profession, for many years he had large outside interests to which in his later years he gave most of his time. He was a director of the First National Bank, of McKeesport, for over twenty years, and vice-president from 1903 until his death in 1910. He was president of the Schoenberger Coal Company, and vice-president of the Tennessee Valley Iron and Railroad Company, and to these his legal learning and executive ability was of incalculable benefit. He was interested in church and charitable work as well, serving the Presbyterian Church as elder and trustee for twenty-five years, and McKeesport Hospital as a director.

Mr. Bailie married, April 22, 1875, Anna M. Evans, who died March 23, 1906, daughter of Oliver and Mary (Sampson) Evans. With the exception of about four years spent at Rosement, a suburb of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Bailie spent their married life in McKeesport. She was a graduate of Vassar College, class of 1868, the first graduating class of that college. After her death the family moved to No. 240 Bellefield avenue, Pittsburgh, where Mr. Bailie died. Children: 1. Mary Evans,

a graduate of Vassar in 1897, died in December, 1911. 2. Robert, died by drowning in 1888. 3. Cadwallader, drowned with his brother. 4. John Wesley, received the degree of B. S., Princeton University, class of 1902. 5. Thomas Sampson, A. B., Princeton, 1902. 6. Anna F., a graduate of Vassar in 1908, resides in Pittsburgh with her brother Thomas Sampson. 7. Raymond L., a graduate from Princeton, B. S., 1913, resides in Pittsburgh with his brother and sister.

Thomas Sampson Bailie, fourth son of John Wesley and Anna M. (Evans) Bailie, was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, February 8, 1882. He was educated at Shady Side Academy (Pittsburgh) and Princeton University, graduate of the latter institution, A. B., class of 1902. After leaving college he entered the employ of the Shoenberger Coal Company, as salesman, and after the consolidation of that company with the Westmoreland and Blaine Coal Companies, remained with the consolidation in the same capacity. In 1910 he was appointed general sales manager, a position he now fills most efficiently. He is also a director of the Tennessee Valley Iron and Railroad Company and interested in other enterprises of perhaps minor importance. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the University and Athletic clubs of Pittsburgh, his home. He is unmarried.

EGER

The Eger family is an old and highly respected one, their record being that of well-spent lives, characterized by industry, honesty, integrity and faithfulness in the discharge of every duty devolving upon them.

Michael Eger was born in Germany, where he was a farmer and spent his entire life. He was also an extensive land owner, and a man of considerable influence in the community in which he resided. He and his wife were members of the Catholic Church. They had children: Kunigunde, married, and died in Germany; Margaret and Catherine, also married and died in Germany; Barbara, came to America, married Peter Schmidt, and died in New York; Elizabeth, married and died in Germany; Joseph, of further mention. Michael Eger married Barbara Rust, also of German birth.

Joseph Eger, son of Michael and Barbara (Rust) Eger, was born in Byron, Germany, November 1, 1849. There he received a practical and substantial education in the public schools, and while he was still a young lad commenced working as a cooper in a brewery, and later was employed in the brewery proper. During the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71, he was in active service, and during his period of three years was never wounded. At the close of the war he was married, and then was at work on the railroad for about ten years. In April, 1883, he emigrated to America, and upon his arrival in this country settled in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. During the first seventeen years he worked in Dewees Woods Steel Mills. In the meantime his wife had opened a grocery store on Versailles avenue, and

during his spare time Mr. Eger assisted her in the conduct of this enterprise. They were frugal and industrious, and by means of their combined efforts amassed a competence which enabled them to retire from business in 1902. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He is also a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. All of his children are in prosperous circumstances and the owners of considerable property.

Mr. Eger married, in 1873, Katherine, born in Germany, a daughter of George and Anna Shafer, who lived and died in Germany. They had children, of whom the six eldest were born in Germany: John, lives on his own farm at Pattenburg, New Jersey; Lewis, in the butcher business at Orange, New Jersey; George, engaged in the real estate business at Reading, Pennsylvania; Sebastian, a retired grocer, lives at McKeesport; Effie, married Frederick Lamp; Katie, married August Franklin, and lives in McKeesport; Joseph, died about 1906; Anna, married Joseph Judy, and lives in McKeesport; Frank, a grocer of McKeesport; two others died in infancy in Germany.

TAYLOR

The late Edward Taylor, a prosperous, respected farmer of North Versailles township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, was born, lived and died on the homestead farm. He was the son of Isaac and Elizabeth (Bosler) Taylor, of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, who after their marriage bought a farm of over two hundred acres in North Versailles township, then largely in a state of nature. Isaac Taylor cleared and improved his purchase by the erection of a suitable building yet standing and by a careful tilling of the soil improving rather than decreasing its fertility. He cultivated the farm with the aid of his sons and retained its management until his death in 1875, aged eighty-one years. His wife survived him one year, her age at death seventy-one years. He was a man of quiet and retiring disposition, industrious and faithful to all his obligations. Isaac Taylor married (first) Margaret Larimer, who bore him three children: 1. Catherine, married James Robinson, and died in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. 2. Caroline, married William Carothers, and died in Uniontown. 3. Margaret, married Dr. William Irwin, and died in Stewartsville, Pennsylvania. He married (second) Elizabeth Bosler, who bore him fourteen children: 4. Henry, was a farmer of North Versailles, deceased. 5. Robert, was a lumber and grain dealer of West Newton, Pennsylvania, deceased. 6. Hettie, married Hamilton Larimer, and died in Stewartsville, Pennsylvania. 7. John, was a farmer of Illinois, deceased. 8. William, a farmer of Iowa. 9. Elizabeth, now residing at the old homestead in North Versailles township. 10. Clara, died at the age of forty-five years after a life spent on the old homestead, unmarried. 11. James, residing at the homestead farm, unmarried. 12. Joseph, now a farmer of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. 13. Edward, of further mention. Four other children died in infancy.

(II) Edward Taylor, thirteenth child of Isaac Taylor and tenth by his second wife, Elizabeth (Bosler) Taylor, was born on the North Versailles

township farm, August 20, 1857, died there July 14, 1909. He attended public schools during his youth, and aided in the work of the farm until he entered the State Normal School at Millersville, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he pursued advanced courses of study. At his father's death he and his brother James purchased the interests of the other heirs in the estate, and from that time until the death of Edward, the brothers owned and cultivated the home farm, containing now about two hundred and fifty acres. The brothers brought the soil to a high state of productiveness and prospered in all their undertakings. James Taylor survives his brother and manages the property, of which he is a part owner. The homestead built by Isaac Taylor has been remodeled and enlarged, modern features added, making it a most desirable country residence. Edward Taylor was a member of the East McKeesport Presbyterian Church, as is his widow, and from the date of its erection until his death was its honored treasurer. In political faith he was a Republican, but his great interest was his family and farm, taking little active part in public affairs.

Mr. Taylor married, December 24, 1890, Rebecca Montgomery, born near Turtle Creek, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Lewis) Montgomery, the latter a daughter of Ezra and Martha (Hillman) Lewis, all old residents of Allegheny county. John Montgomery was a farmer, and both he and his wife died in the county of their birth. Mrs. Rebecca (Montgomery) Taylor survives her husband and continues her residence at the old Taylor farm where she first went as a bride twenty-four years ago and where she spent almost nineteen years of happy married life. She has no children.

MIKALOFF

Ulrich Mysel Mikaloff was born in Holland, but early in life migrated to Sweden, where he spent all the remainder of his life. He was in the employ of the government, being a police official at Höganäs, and died in that town. He married a native of Sweden, had a number of children, none of whom came to America, but many of his grandchildren made their homes here.

(II) Ferdinand Mikaloff, son of Ulrich Mysel Mikaloff, was born in Höganäs, Sweden, and there grew up and became a blaster in the mines. Later he became a member of the police force of the town. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church. He married Helena Österman, whose father was a potter in Höganäs, and had five children, all of whom died in Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Mikaloff had children: Maria, married Nils Ohlin, now deceased, and lives in Christianstad, Sweden; Nils, lives in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania; John P., died in infancy; John P., the second of the name, of further mention; Cecelia, married and died in Copenhagen, Denmark; Helena, lives in Helsingör, Denmark; Sophia, lives in America; Alexander, lives in McKeesport.

(III) John P. Mikaloff, son of Ferdinand and Helena (Österman) Mikaloff, was born in Höganäs, Sweden, March 5, 1852. He was educated in the public schools of his native land, then found employment in the coal

mines. In 1872 he emigrated to America, and settled at Irwin Station, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he worked in the coal mines for one year. Removing to Elizabeth, he continued in this occupation, and after a time worked in the mines in Coal Valley and then at Lovedale. Becoming acquainted with Jack Lawson, he learned the art of photography, then sailed for Sweden, where he opened a photograph gallery in his native town, and conducted this enterprise for one year. He then returned to America, and resumed mining until 1877. In February of that year, in association with Jack Lawson, he went to England, where they followed "feasts and fairs" during the summer season, until October. After that he worked four weeks in the coal mines of Yorkshire, and again returned to Coal Valley, and continued mining until 1891. In May, 1891, he settled in Duquesne, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there opened a grocery store on Duquesne avenue, remained there two years, then removed to Hamilton avenue and Fourth street. Later he erected a store building, continuing in business until 1911, at which time he was one of the oldest business men in the town. In 1890 he had erected a house at Fourth street and Hamilton avenue, and this has been his home up to the present time. He is a strong Republican, having become a citizen in 1884, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Mikaloff married (first) June 6, 1879, Elizabeth, born in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, died November 13, 1895, a daughter of George and Mary (Lock) Barnes. He married (second) January, 1897, Emma Anderson, born in Sweden, came to America about 1892 to join her sister, who had preceded her. She is a daughter of Anders and Fredericka Anderson, who lived in Nerrike, Sweden, where he was a bricklayer. They had eight children, of whom the only ones to come to America were: Emma, who married Mr. Mikaloff; and Matilda, came to America about 1890, settled at McKeesport, and married Otto Byrath, their only child being Herbert. Mr. and Mrs. Mikaloff have had children: Mary Alice, married Samuel Gordon, a grocer in Duquesne; George Ferdinand, foreman of the locomotive works of the Carnegie Steel Company, lives in Duquesne; Helena, married Earl Holden, and both died in Duquesne; William Oscar, a partner in the store with Samuel Gordon; Grace Elizabeth, married Clarence Jones, and lives in Duquesne; John P. Jr., a student in the electrical engineering department of the State College; Ray, died in infancy.

GOLDSTROHM

The great empire of Germany has furnished the United States with many citizens of ability and worth, who have brought to this country those characteristics of thrift and industry which are so distinctive of the German race, and which have aided so materially in upbuilding and upholding the prosperity of the land.

Conrad Goldstrohm, born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, about 1808, died in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1898. After

the death of his wife in Germany, he emigrated to America in 1854, bringing with him his two sons and only daughter. He settled in Mifflin township, where he was engaged in mining coal for a time, then he and his sons purchased a farm of two hundred and thirty acres in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, which was partially improved. Later he sold his interest to his sons and returned to Mifflin township, where he lived in retirement until his death. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Lutheran Church. He married ——, also a native of Hesse-Darmstadt, and had children: Conrad William, of further mention; Henry, who died on the farm in Armstrong county in 1912; Mary, married Adam Heidelman, and died in Duquesne, Pennsylvania.

Conrad William Goldstrohm, son of Conrad Goldstrohm, was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, March 23, 1834, died in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1877. The public schools in the vicinity of his birthplace furnished him with an excellent practical education, and his early years were spent on a farm. He was about twenty years of age when he arrived in this country, and at once engaged in coal mining, with which he was identified until the purchase of the farm in Armstrong county, which he cultivated for a time. He then returned to Allegheny county, and was engaged in coal mining until his death, but retained his interest in the Armstrong county farm. He was very thrifty and successful, and was also the owner of three fine houses in Mifflin township. A strong Democrat politically, he was a member of the Lutheran Church, and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Goldstrohm married, January 1, 1861, a distant relative, Barbara Goldstrohm, born May 24, 1840, in Hesse-Darmstadt, a daughter of Yost and Catherine Goldstrohm, the last mentioned dying in Germany, after which the father with his four children came to America in 1860, and settled in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and died in Elizabethtown. Since the death of her husband Mrs. Goldstrohm has been living in Duquesne and McKeesport. Mr. and Mrs. Goldstrohm have had children: 1. Conrad A., a baker in Duquesne; married Louisa Werner, born in Wuerttemberg, Germany, came to America in 1891, a daughter of Michael and Catherine Werner; children: Conrad, Henry, Anna, Leonard, Louise, Albert. 2. August, a contractor, resides in the old home in Duquesne; married Kate Garber, and has children: Ernest, Marie, Catherine, Edward, Barbara and Elsie, twins. 3. Mary, married Michael Seger, lives in McKeesport, and has children: Barbara and Catherine.

GLESS

Our nation is so unmistakably cosmopolitan in its social makeup that it can scarcely be said that we have as yet developed a distinctive American type, although the amalgamation and assimilation of varied elements is proceeding day by day and year by year. Many of our most loyal and valued citizens are of foreign birth and breeding, and their positions in their respective communities entitle them to recognition for sterling worth and marked usefulness. The members of the Gless family,

of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, are of this caliber, and have added to the reputation for good citizenship.

John Gless, who was born in Germany, spent his entire life in that country. He was a farmer, owning forty acres of land, and was a man of influence in his community. He married Mary Becht, and they had children: Caroline, who lives in France; Felix, of further mention; Ernestine, married Charles Shawn; Emeline, married John Korper, lives in Germany; Mary, deceased; Charles, lives with his brother Felix on the homestead in Shaler township, and is engaged in gardening.

Felix Gless, son of John and Mary (Becht) Gless, was born in Germany in 1861, and there acquired a substantial education. He emigrated to America in 1879, and settled at Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, where he worked in iron and steel mills for many years. About the year 1904 he purchased a farm of twelve acres, at Glenshaw, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and engaged in market gardening, with which he is still successfully identified. He is independent in his political opinions, and a consistent member of the Catholic Church. He married, February 11, 1888, Savina, a daughter of John and Barbara (Pfaff) Pfaff, of Germany, and a sister of Peter, in Germany; Frank, in Germany. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Gless are: Anna, born December 2, 1890, married John Wolfram; Kathryn, born July 18, 1892; Matilda, born December 20, 1894; Edward, born November 10, 1898; Philomena, born February 19, 1901.

BERTSCH

The Bertsch family has only been represented in this country a comparatively few years, but the various members have already proved their worth as good citizens.

Augustus Bertsch was born in Russian Poland, December 15, 1841, and has never come to this country. He is a farmer and a carpenter. He marrier Minnie Marten, who died June 22, 1912, and they had children: Dophelia, Augustus, Frederick, of further mention; Ernestina, Daniel. All of these came to America.

Frederick Bertsch, son of Augustus and Minnie (Marten) Bertsch, was born in Russian Poland, December 22, 1866. He was a young lad when he emigrated to the United States, had his own way to make in the world, and owes his present prosperity and influence in the world solely to his own efforts. He commenced working as a gardener, and being of an active, energetic nature, as well as thrifty, he has won his way to a comfortable fortune. At first he was in Reserve township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, came to Shaler township in 1902, and there purchased nine acres of land. On this he raises a large variety of garden truck, and has also erected a greenhouse. His children now assist in the work he has so ably organized, and his wife takes much pride in her chicken farm, on which there are about three hundred at the present time. Mr. Bertsch married Ernestine Hilf, and their children are: Lydia, Laura, Theodore, Frederick, Olga.

WALTON

The Walton family of Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, is of English origin, and has been resident here since the middle of the nineteenth century.

Utrick Walton, born in Cumberland, England, spent his entire life in his native land. He married Isabella Dickenson.

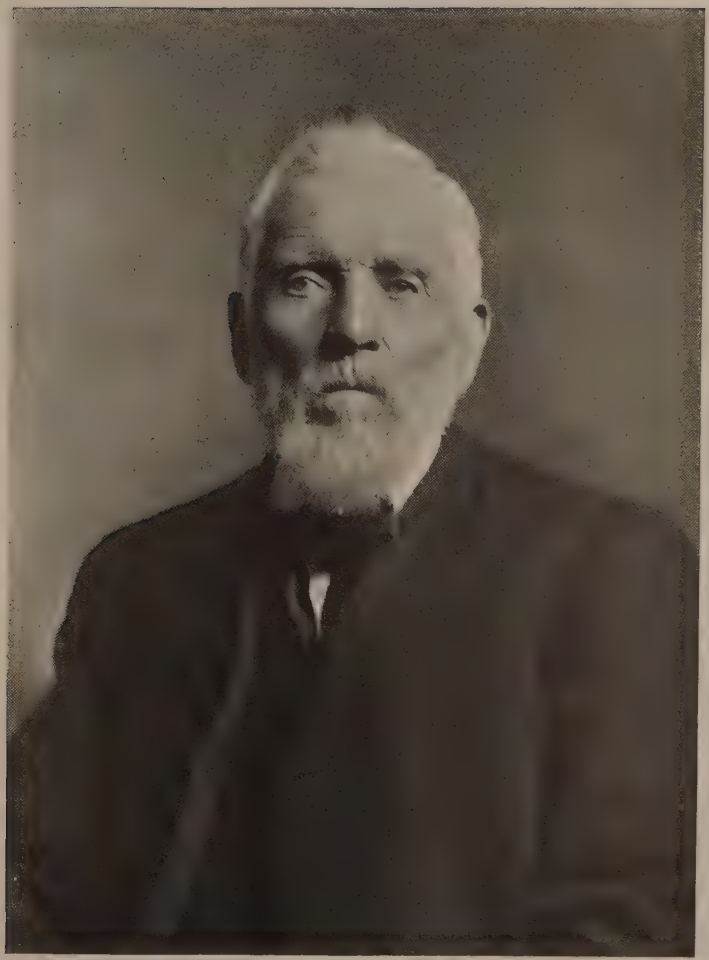
Joseph D. Walton, son of Utrick and Isabella (Dickenson) Walton, was born in Cumberland, England, June 9, 1830. When he was seventeen years of age, in company with his sister and her husband, he emigrated to the United States, the two last mentioned returning to England after a short stay here. Mr. Walton located in Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in farming until 1873, when he took up teaming in Braddock. He established himself in the livery business about 1883, and has been successfully identified with this enterprise since that time. His residence is on Pitcairn street, while his place of business is located on Verona street, Braddock. He has been called upon to face the inevitable depressions which confront every business man at times, but he has invariably weathered the storm, and the successes largely outnumber the failures in his business career. He and his family are members of the First Presbyterian Church. In political belief Mr. Walton is a Democrat. Mr. Walton married, in 1861, Catherine Bell, of Pittsburgh, and they have had children: 1. Margaret, deceased. 2. Belle, married William Porter, deceased, and has children: Katherine, Marian, Charles and William J. Bryan. 3. Sarah M., a teacher in the Fourth Ward School, Braddock, lives at home. 4. Wilburt, engaged in the livery business; is a Knight of the Maccabees; married Carrie Reithmiller, born near Pittsburgh, and they have children: Wilburt Vernon, Grace, Joseph Chester, Edna, Gladys, Florence, Alice, Irene. 5. John B., a tinner. 6. Katherine. The two last mentioned are unmarried and live with their parents.

BRUCKNER

The men who claim foreign lands as their birthplace are among the best citizens of this republic, men who are willing to give their lives if necessary in time of peril, and among this number must be mentioned William Andrew Bruckner, a well-to-do citizen of McKeesport.

William Bruckner, father of William Andrew Bruckner, was a native of Germany, in which country he was reared, educated, spent his entire lifetime and died, as did also his wife, Charlotte (Richder) Bruckner, who bore him six children, as follows: Johanna, died in infancy; Christianna; William Andrew, of whom further; Henry, twin of William Andrew, died in Germany, in 1908, aged sixty-one years; Augusta; Herman, died in infancy.

William Andrew Bruckner was born in Germany, September 25, 1847. He attended the common schools in the vicinity of his home, thus obtaining a practical education, after which he served an apprenticeship at the trade of stone contractor, being engaged in that line of work in his native land up to the year 1882, when he emigrated to the United States, settling in Mc-



J. D. Matton

Keesport, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the same business, building up a splendid trade, his transactions being conducted in a thoroughly workmanlike manner. In 1899 he retired from active pursuits, having accumulated sufficient capital to spend his declining years in comfort and ease, the fitting sequel to a life of activity and toil. He is the owner of considerable property in addition to the house in which he resides, located at No. 804 South Evans avenue, McKeesport. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of McKeesport, and casts his vote for the candidates of the Republican party. He is interested in all that pertains to the general good of the community, and in every way fulfills his obligations as a true citizen.

Mr. Bruckner married, in Germany, November 17, 1875, Caroline Schalk, of Germany, born November 17, 1844, daughter of Theodore William and Marie (Nella) Schalk. Children: William, Hugo, Oscar, Lena, Marie, all of whom are living at the present time (1914).

HARDING

The family of Harding, well and favorably known in McKeesport and vicinity, its members ranking among the most substantial and representative citizens of that section of the state, is worthily represented in the present generation by Albert J. Harding, a musician of considerable note.

John Harding, father of Albert J. Harding, was born in England, was there reared, educated and married, and in the latter part of the year 1879 emigrated to this country, settling in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and there entered the employ of the National Tube Company, remaining with them until the time of his decease, in the year 1900. His widow, Mary (Sweet) Harding, is living at the present time (1914). During their residence in England they attended the Methodist Episcopal Church, but after their arrival in McKeesport they joined St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, taking an active part in its varied interests. Mr. Harding was a Republican in politics. Their children were as follows: 1. Mary, wife of Thomas Biddlestone, baggage master of the Pennsylvania Railroad. 2. Anna Louisa, died in May, 1912; she was the wife of William Andrews and had a child, William. 3. George, died in infancy. 4. Albert J., of whom further.

Albert J. Harding was born in England, April 5, 1872. He accompanied his parents to the United States when seven years of age, and his education was obtained in the public and high schools of McKeesport, the Douglass Business College and the Scranton Correspondence School, this course of study thoroughly qualifying him for an active business career. He then entered the employ of the National Tube Company, in due course of time becoming a skilled workman, and hence his services were of great value to his employers, who duly appreciated his efforts. In addition to his residence, located at No. 603 South Soles street, McKeesport, he is the owner of several dwelling houses in the seventh ward of that city, also considerable property in the ninth ward of the same city, from which he derives a goodly income. In addition to his regular employment, for a number of years he has given

instruction on the guitar and banjo, being a skilled performer on both instruments. He is a member of the Baptist Church of McKeesport, and since 1895 a member of the Knights of Pythias. He is actively interested in all projects for the betterment of his adopted city, contributing liberally of his time and substance. Mr. Harding is unmarried.

PRICE

Among the residents of McKeesport who are of foreign birth, but who have added to the general welfare and prosperity of that section of the Keystone State, must be mentioned Mark Price, a man well known for his many sterling characteristics, whose word is as good as his bond.

William Price, father of Mark Price, was a native of England, where he was reared, educated and spent almost his entire lifetime, emigrating to the United States at the age of seventy-two years, locating at McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where his death occurred in the year 1888, aged eighty-six years. His wife, Mary Price, was also a native of England, and her death occurred there. They were the parents of nine children: Mary, deceased; Frederick, deceased; Martha, deceased; Mark, of whom further; Norma, deceased; Ellen, deceased; Theophilus, deceased; William; Ruth.

Mark Price was born in England, February 25, 1837. He obtained a common school education in the vicinity of his home, and remained in his native land until the year 1863, when he emigrated to the New World, locating in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade, that of refiner. Later he removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was there employed with the Schellenbergers Mill and the Brownston Mill, also with the American Iron Works for a period of fourteen years. In 1882 he took up his residence in McKeesport, and subsequently became the owner of the property located at No. 1231 Walnut street, where he now resides. In addition to this he is the owner of six houses, from which he derives a goodly income, and a vacant lot, which is increasing in value steadily, all in McKeesport. The success he has achieved has been the direct result of industry, perseverance and thrift, characteristics which always make for a successful career. He is a member of the Episcopal Church, and a Republican in politics.

Mr. Price married, February 21, 1884, Jane Annesley, born in Ireland, December, 1846, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Meats) Annesley, who resided in county Wicklow, Ireland, where they spent their entire lives, they being the parents of two other children, Henry and Mary Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Price are the parents of one son, Harry Annesley, born August 9, 1888; educated in public and high schools, and Greensboro College, which he attended four years; is now clerk with the National Tube Company, having been in their employ for the past nine years; is a member of the Knights of Malta, Order of Moose, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Order of Foresters, of which he is secretary; he is a member of the Episcopal Church, and a Republican in politics.

KOHARY

Among the highly successful and prominent business men of McKeesport, noted for their progressive methods, energy and enterprise, must be mentioned Andrew Kohary, a man of foreign birth, who has made his way to success solely through his own efforts, having neither capital nor influential friends when he began his business career.

Mathias Kohary, father of Andrew Kohary, was a native of Austria-Hungary, in which country he spent his entire lifetime, his death occurring there February 12, 1870. His widow, Judith Kohary, also a native of Austria-Hungary, and her two children, Sophia and Andrew, remained in their native land for a number of years after the death of the husband and father, but finally determined to emigrate to the United States, and accordingly, June 2, 1884, they landed in New York City, from whence they proceeded to West Newton, Pennsylvania, where they remained about one year, then took up their residence in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and there the mother passed away at the age of sixty-nine years.

Andrew Kohary was born in Austria-Hungary, October 19, 1865. He attended the public schools in the vicinity of his home, and later secured employment in the coal mines and the tube works, and after coming to this country was employed along the same lines for a number of years, giving entire satisfaction in the performance of his labors. In 1896 he established a grocery business at No. 1046 Walnut street, McKeesport, later becoming the owner of the property, and he also owns considerable property in Christy Park, eleventh ward, McKeesport. The success he has achieved is all the more remarkable when we take into consideration that when he landed in West Newton, Pennsylvania, with his mother and sister, he had thirteen cents in his possession. To men of this class, more than to others more fortunate, should credit be due, as we know that success means to them years of laborious toil and anxious thought. His trade is constantly increasing, owing to the fact that he carries a full line of the best goods, and that he is straightforward and honorable in all his dealings.

Mr. Kohary married, in McKeesport, August 8, 1890, Marie Smith, a native of Germany, born April 14, 1867, daughter of Frederick and Catherine Elizabeth (Knoll) Smith, natives of Germany, in which country they lived and died. Mr. and Mrs. Kohary are the parents of five children: Christopher, born February 16, 1892; Edna, June 11, 1893; Marie, October 21, 1895; Alice, November 1, 1899; Charles, October 5, 1901. Mr. Kohary devotes his leisure time to his family, of whom he is justly proud, ever looking after their comfort and pleasure.

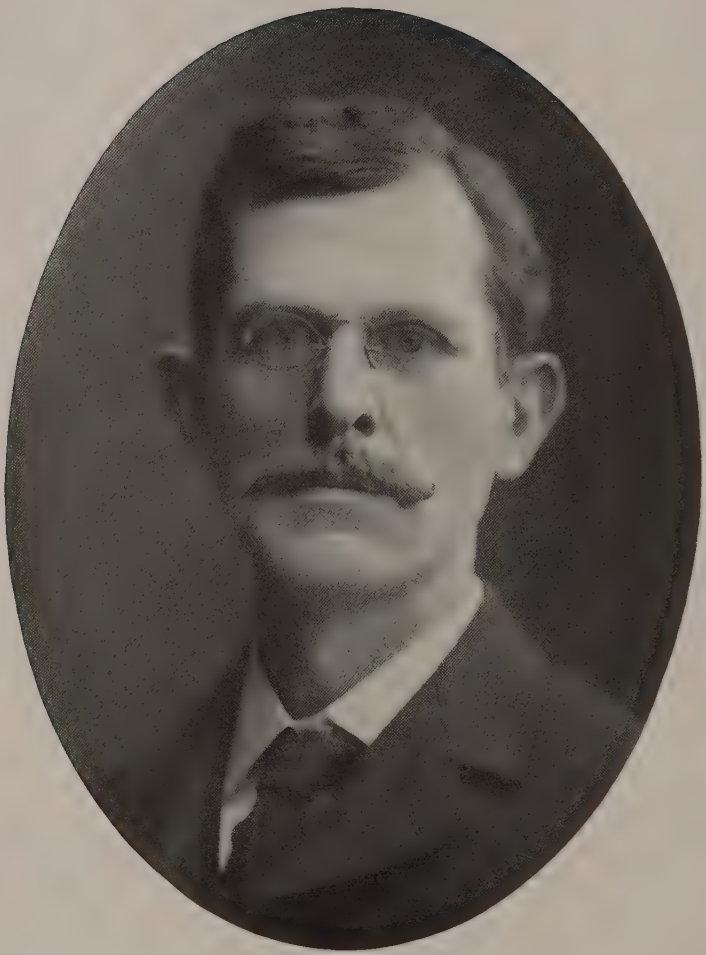
NEVIN

The Nevin family, of which James M. Nevin, lawyer of Pittsburgh and president of the State Bank of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, is a distinguished twentieth century representative, traces to the fifteenth century in England.

(I) From Scotland a branch of the family passed into county Antrim, Ireland, from whence John Nevin, the American ancestor, came in August,

1788, landing in Philadelphia. He was born in county Antrim, May 1, 1740, and came to Pennsylvania with his wife and several children. He made his home in Chester county, Pennsylvania, for two years, then with his entire family crossed the mountains, settling near Mingo Meeting House, in Washington county. There he leased a farm for the term of five years, agreeing in return for the use of the land to make certain improvements. When the lease had about half expired, he sold out to a party, receiving enough cash to purchase a farm in the same district, but over the line in Allegheny county. This farm, bought from James Hamilton, is located in what is now Jefferson township, Allegheny county. He improved his purchase by the erection of new buildings and lived in prosperity until his death in 1814. Both he and his wife were members of the Mifflin congregation of the Associated Reformed Church, and are buried in the graveyard connected with that church. His wife, Jennet (Brown) Nevin, born 1739, died in 1811. Children: 1. James, died in infancy. 2. John, a farmer, moved from Washington county to Beaver county, in 1832, and there died in 1845. 3. William, a farmer, moved early in life to Southern Ohio and there died. 4. Hugh, also removed to Southern Ohio. 5. Samuel, a farmer, moved to the state of Indiana, near Tippecanoe, and there died. 6. Robert, a farmer, died in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. 7. James, of whom further. 8. Jeanette, married, and died near Columbus, Ohio.

(II) James Nevin, youngest son of John Nevin, was born at Giant's Causeway, county Antrim, Ireland, September 20, 1782, and in 1788 was brought to Pennsylvania by his parents. He shared the family fortunes in Chester, Washington and Allegheny counties, Pennsylvania, remaining in the latter county until 1832, then removing to Negley, Columbiana county, Ohio, with his wife and children. There he bought a tract of about two hundred acres of forest land, which he cleared and so improved that it returned him a comfortable living. Coal underlay the whole farm and this he sold to the Carbon Hill Coal Company, of East Palestine, Ohio, and spent his last years with his son John, and here James Nevin died, May 19, 1874, buried in East Palestine, Ohio. He was a Democrat in politics, but so opposed to slavery that he left his party, joined with the Abolitionists and when the Republican party came into being, affiliated with that organization, which seemed to be more in accord with his anti-slavery views. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. He married, June 24, 1823, Hannah Scott, born September 19, 1800, died April 13, 1878, at Enon Valley, Pennsylvania, buried in East Palestine, Ohio. She was a daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Hamilton) Scott, of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, the latter daughter of James Hamilton, who early came from Maryland, taking up large tracts of land in what is now Mifflin and Jefferson townships, Allegheny county. Children of James and Hannah Nevin: 1. Abraham Scott, of further mention. 2. Jane, married Jonathan Hasson, and died in Columbiana, Ohio. 3. John, a retired merchant and farmer, now living in Lisbon, Ohio, a very old man. 4. Sarah, married Taggart Chamberlin, and died in East Palestine, Ohio.



James Melancthon Levin

(III) Abraham Scott Nevin, eldest child of James and Hannah (Scott) Nevin, was born on the Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, farm, owned by his parents, in 1824, died in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, in 1879. He was educated in the public schools, and like his forbears spent his life engaged in farming. He worked on the home farm until having assumed the responsibilities of a husband and father, he founded a home of his own, purchasing a farm adjoining the homestead. This he cultivated until the discovery that coal underlaid it, then sold to good advantage and purchased another Ohio farm. There he remained the greater portion of his after life, but died in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania. He was a man of strong character, and in the communities in which he resided always held a leading position. He was an officer of the Ohio state militia, was a justice of the peace, and served many years as school director. He was a Whig and a Republican, belonged to the United Presbyterian Church and was active in church work. He married Mary Jane, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Richardson) Campbell, who survives him, aged eighty-six years, a resident of Ben Avon, a suburb of Pittsburgh, making her home with her daughter, Mrs. John H. Watt. Children: 1. James Melancthon, of further mention. 2. Robert E., died in 1911 at Ashley, Indiana. 3. Margaret, died in youthful womanhood, unmarried. 4. Laura, married John H. Watt, and resides at Ben Avon, Pennsylvania. 5. William S., a minister of the Presbyterian Church, now located in Philadelphia. 6. John C., killed in railway accident in Colorado. 7. Joseph C., cashier of the Avalon Bank (Pittsburgh), but resides in Emsworth, Pennsylvania. 8. Hugh, cashier of the First National Bank of Homestead and treasurer of the Monongahela Trust Company of the same city.

(IV) James Melancthon Nevin, eldest son of Abraham Scott and Mary Jane (Campbell) Nevin, was born at East Palestine, Ohio, June 19, 1849. He prepared in the public schools, entered Monmouth College, Illinois, and there was graduated, Bachelor of Science, class of 1879. Four years later Monmouth conferred the degree of Master of Arts. He then entered the law school of the University of Iowa, at Iowa City, and in 1881 was graduated Bachelor of Laws. He then pursued post-graduate study at the University of St. Louis and in 1882 was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Laws by the law school of that university. In 1882 he located in Pittsburgh, and after admission to the Allegheny bar began practice in that city. This was thirty-two years ago and he has since been in continuous practice in Pittsburgh, where he ranks high in his profession. He has been admitted to all state and federal courts of the district and has a large business in all. His practice is general in character, Orphans' Court business, however, being his favored line of professional work. He is learned in the law, skillful in its application and strenuously opposed to all tricks or subterfuge that might gain him an advantage. He is a close student and all through his professional career has carefully safeguarded the interests committed to him by confiding clients. He is highly regarded by his brethren of the profession and recognized by them as a man of ability and one guided by the highest principles of professional honor. During these thirty-two

years Mr. Nevin has resided in the little borough of Elizabeth, making the journey daily to his offices in the Bakewell Building in Pittsburgh.

While the law has ever been to him a jealous mistress, he has other important interests. He was one of the organizers of the State Bank of Elizabeth, was elected its first president on incorporation in 1900 and has ever since been the honored head of that most prosperous financial institution that furnishes banking facilities to a large section of southeastern Allegheny county. For many years he has been a trustee of the United Presbyterian Church, is a member of the American, Pennsylvania State and Allegheny County Bar associations, is a member of the American Geographical Society, belongs to several clubs, and in politics is a Prohibitionist.

Mr. Nevin married, in 1884, Emma Lucille, daughter of John and Elizabeth Gordon, of Monmouth, Illinois. Children: 1. James Gordon, graduate of Westminster College, class of 1905, graduate of the Law School of the University of Pittsburgh, class of 1908, member of the Allegheny county bar, admitted to all courts and now engaged in legal practice with his honored father. 2. Lucille, graduate of Westminster College, class of 1906, teacher in Beaver, Pennsylvania, High School. 3. Norma M., graduate of Westminster College, class of 1909, now a teacher in Beaver High School. 4. Lois, graduate of Westminster College, class of 1913. 5. D. McDill, entered Westminster College, but before completing his course entered the agricultural department of State College, where he is now a student. 6. Sybil, student in Elizabeth High School. 7. Millicent, a student in Elizabeth Grammar School.

BRACKENRIDGE

Hugh Henry Brackenridge, jurist, was born near Campbellton, Scotland, in 1748, the son of a poor farmer, who emigrated to America in 1753. He earned his way through college, and was graduated from Princeton in 1771. After teaching five years, he entered the field of journalism, and for some time was editor of *The United States Magazine,* of Philadelphia. He studied theology, and during the Revolutionary War acted as chaplain in the army. After being admitted to the bar in 1781, he opened a law office at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was interested and active in the political controversies of the time, and during the famous "Whiskey Insurrection" of 1794 was a strong advocate of a peaceable adjustment of the difficulty. In 1799 he was made judge of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. "The Rising Glory of America," which he wrote in conjunction with Philip Freneau, while at college, was published in 1772; "Bunker Hill," a drama, in 1776; "Incidents of the Insurrection in Western Pennsylvania," in 1795; "Eulogium of the Brave who fell in the Contest with Great Britain," in 1778; "Modern Chivalry, or the Adventures of Captain Farrago and Teague O'Reagan, his Servant," in 1796; "Gazette Publications Collected," in 1806; and "Law Miscellanies," in 1814. He died in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1816.

Henry Marie Brackenridge, son of Hugh Henry Brackenridge, was

born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 11, 1786. His father very early discovered in him traces of a superior intellect, and determined to cultivate this to the utmost. His early education was acquired altogether under private tuition, a part of this being imparted by his father personally, in whose study a small table was placed for the exclusive use of his son. At the age of seven years he was sent to a French school at St. Genevieve, in Upper Louisiana, in order to obtain a complete mastery of the French language. This experiment was attended with the most complete success. He was about fifteen years of age when his father was appointed to the supreme bench of Pennsylvania, and he was then placed in the office of the prothonotary or clerk of the court, to prepare him for taking up the study of law. He remained there two years, then entered the office of a practicing attorney, and read law to such good effect that he was admitted to the bar at the age of twenty years. Returning to his father's home in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, he spent more than a year, by the advice of his father, in the special study of the law of equity and maritime law, and qualified himself for practice along those lines, intending to open an office in the city of Baltimore, with its magnificent harbor facilities. Upon going to that city, he entered the office of a practitioner in chancery, and also attended general court sessions, where he had the opportunity of listening to some of the foremost lawyers of the day. He found, however, that the large number of lawyers in the city was altogether out of proportion to the size of its population, and decided that he would have a better opportunity of making his way in a smaller town. Having heard that there was but one lawyer in the town of Somerset, Pennsylvania, he went to that town, and took possession of the office which had but recently become vacant, owing to the death of his predecessor. Here he acquired a lucrative practice. In 1810 Mr. Brackenridge took his departure for Upper Louisiana, and upon his arrival there was most heartily received by the family with whom he had lived while at school at St. Genevieve. It happened to be court week, and he was engaged in several important cases. He then went to St. Louis, Missouri, and while there proceeded with the compilation of the data for his interesting work on Louisiana, which was published in Pittsburgh, in 1812. In the year 1811 he was appointed deputy attorney general for the territory of New Orleans, afterwards the state of Louisiana. Later, although only twenty-three years of age, he was appointed district attorney. He was an intimate friend of Presidents Madison and Monroe, and took an active part in favor of the United States acknowledging the independence of the South American colonies. He wrote a paper in the form of a letter addressed to "An American," sent this to President Monroe, and it was republished in England in the *Pamphleteer*, and translated into the French and Spanish languages. In 1821 he was appointed United States judge for the Western District of Florida, and filled this responsible office for a period of more than ten years.

Mr. Brackenridge married Caroline Marie, of Philadelphia, owner of a valuable tract of land along the Pennsylvania canal, and they moved to

that section. From twenty to twenty-two hundred acres of land were in this parcel, and Mr. Brackenridge later founded the town of Tarentum, between which and Natrona is still situated the beautiful country residence of the family. On this same tract has grown up another town, Brackenridge, just above Tarentum. In 1840 Mr. Brackenridge was elected to the United States congress, and the following year was appointed commissioner under the Mexican treaty, in conjunction with Governor Marcy, of New York. With the exception of a term in the Pennsylvania legislature in 1844, he lived retired until his death, January 18, 1871. Much of the property is still held as the Brackenridge Estate.

Henry M. Brackenridge left one son, Benjamin Morgan Brackenridge, who was never actively engaged in business, he having died at the age of thirty-five years. He married Phillipine Stieren, and left one son, Henry M. Brackenridge, who developed the property of the Brackenridge Estate, organizing and building various manufacturing interests in glass, iron and steel. The borough of Brackenridge, mentioned above, was named in his honor.

GLOECKNER

Peter Gloeckner was born in Prussia, in 1833, and after his father's death his mother brought him to the United States with her two other children, Mary and Andrew. The family settled in Pine township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where Peter began working on a farm. Later he bought a farm of seventy-two acres in McCandless on which he resided until his death, September 16, 1866. He married Mary Cole, born July 4, 1834, died August 9, 1914, daughter of John and Elizabeth Cole. Several years after the death of Peter Gloeckner his widow married Frank Goss and had a son Frank, born in 1881. Children of Peter and Mary (Cole) Gloeckner: 1. Peter John, of further mention. 2. Clara, born July 8, 1863, married Henry Enders. 3. Mary, born September 6, 1866, married Peter Statelmyer, died October 18, 1914. The family were members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Peter John Gloeckner, only son of Peter and Mary (Cole) Gloeckner, was born in McCandless township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1861. He attended the public schools, and from youth has been engaged in farming. In 1898 he became owner of the home farm in McCandless township and there resides, engaged in general farming. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church and a Democrat in politics, serving on the election board. He married Margaret, daughter of John and Gertrude Strickler. Children: 1. Mary, born October 26, 1884, died in September, 1885. 2. Gertrude, born October 25, 1886, married Frank W. Beiring, and has children, Edward, Raymond, Frank. 3. Clara, born September 1, 1888, deceased. 4. Hilda, born in 1890. 5. Margaret, born in January, 1892. 6. Eva, born October 26, 1894. 7. Mary, born in 1896. 8. Henry, born September 14, 1900. 9. John, born October 26, 1902. 10. Peter, born January 13, 1904, deceased. 11. Joseph, born December 26, 1907.

WETZEL

German records are those which must be perused for an account of the early generation of the family of Wetzel, this American line having been founded by Levi Wetzel, a native of Germany. He was reared and educated in the land of his birth, there serving an apprenticeship in the trade of stone mason, emigrating to the United States when a young man and settling in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He obtained employment at his trade, and there remained until about 1854, when he located in Shaler township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, becoming the owner of land near the present town of Glenshaw. On this property he conducted general farming and market gardening, adding to his possessions until, at his death, aged sixty-nine years, he held title to ninety-four acres of land in the township, divided into four tracts. His success in his agricultural operations was the fruit of industry and intelligent application of the lessons learned by experience, sometimes in disaster, oftener in fortune. He avoided none of the responsibilities of good citizenship, and through a life well ordered and usefully spent held the liking and regard of his neighbors. The property of which he was the owner was principally timber land when it came into his possession, and the task that he successfully completed in putting the greater part of it under cultivation was no easy one. He and his family were communicants of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, of Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Wetzel married Margaretta Milburt, born in Germany, her parents coming to the United States from the homeland. Children: 1. Margaret, deceased. 2. Carolina, deceased. 3. Mary, married a Mr. Kestler, and resides in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 4. Lena, married a Mr. Chisler, and lives in Shaler township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 5. Michael, deceased. 6. Levi, of whom further. 7. Adam, deceased. 8. George, deceased.

Levi (2) Wetzel, son of Levi (1) and Margaretta (Milburt) Wetzel, was born in Shaler township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 6, 1861, and was there a student in the public schools. In boyhood and young manhood he was his father's assistant on the home farm, in 1887 beginning independent operations on one of his father's farms, at Glenshaw, Pennsylvania. In the following year he erected a comfortable dwelling, of excellent appearance, and has there since lived, his farm fifty acres in extent. He engages principally in gardening for the nearby market, and in that line has prospered. Mr. Wetzel and his family are members of the All Saints Roman Catholic Church, of Etna, Pennsylvania. Mr. Wetzel married, November 24, 1885, Anna Mary Nestler, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and has children: Edward Jacob, married Helen Magdalene Kruwel, and has one child, Isabell Anna; Clara Maria; Leonard Mickel; Catherine Anna, married George William Emig, who died October 31, 1903, and they had one child, George Anthony; Matilda Mary, died November 28, 1904; Marcella Elizabeth; Raymond Anthony, died May 14, 1900; Sylvester Francis De Sales; George Adam.

LEE

The Lee family is one which has gained renown in many lines in this country, and has been no less honored in England. The branch under discussion here has been in this country for thirty-three years, and during that time the various members of the family have proven their worth as reliable citizens.

(I) William Lee, who was born in England and spent his entire life there, was a wheelwright by occupation, and lived on the homestead which has been in the possession of the family for more than three centuries. He married Anna ——, and among their children was William, of whom further.

(II) William (2) Lee, son of William (1) and Anna Lee, was born at Kirkbye, Ashfield, England. He was a wheelwright and carriage builder, occupations he followed throughout the active years of his life in his native land. He married Dorothy Wass, born at Newsteade Castle, England, and among their children was James, of whom further.

(III) James Lee, son of William (2) and Dorothy (Wass) Lee, was born at Kirkbye, Ashfield, England, November 19, 1853. He acquired his education in his native land, after which he engaged in gardening on a large estate. In 1881 he emigrated to the United States, where he made his home at Mount Lebanon, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, for about fifteen months, then removed to Bellevue, in the same county, where he has since resided. For a number of years he was successfully engaged in landscape gardening, thus providing a comfortable home for his family, but since 1895, a period of nineteen years, has served in the capacity of street commissioner of the borough of Bellevue, having been first elected in that year on the Republican ticket, and re-elected each year since that time, this fact testifying eloquently to his ability, efficiency and popularity. When he assumed control of the office there were no paved streets and no sewer system in the borough, and at the present time (1914) seventy-five of the streets are well paved, brick and concrete being the materials used, totaling a large number of miles. This has added greatly to the attractiveness and beauty of the locality and in this way the population has been increased to a large extent. Mr. Lee is an active factor in all enterprises that have for their object the welfare of the community, and is held in high esteem by all with whom he is brought in contact. During his residence in England he was a member of the Episcopal Church, also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

Mr. Lee married, in England, August 22, 1878, Pattie Bax, born in Minster, Kent, not far from Dover, England, daughter of Thomas and Bessie (Cassell) Bax, who resided in the same house seventy years, this being located on a farm which Mr. Bax cultivated. Mrs. Lee is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, in the work of which she takes an active interest, giving liberally of her time and means, and she does not confine her attention to church matters only, being equally interested in all movements for the general good, serving as a member of the advisory board

James. Lee

Richard Woodford

of the Bellevue Suburban Hospital, a most worthy institution. Mr. and Mrs. Lee are well known in the community wherein they reside, their home being noted for the hospitality dispensed there.

WOODFORD

Land in what is now the vicinity of the borough of Carrick, Pennsylvania, was owned at an early day by William Woodford, American ancestor of the line herein recorded. He was a native of England, a member of a peasant family, and was placed at a useful and income-producing occupation as soon as he was physically able to become a breadwinner. Thus early deprived of educational advantages, he was far beyond manhood's mark before he attained reading and writing knowledge, but his handicap acted rather as a spur than as a discouragement and he became a man of average information, and on topics that held for him especial interest was exceptionally accurately informed. He emigrated to the United States in 1822, and so slender were his resources that his belongings were tied up in a cotton handerchief. He settled in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and applied himself with relentless determination to the task of acquiring a home and possessions, finally becoming owner of one hundred and fourteen acres of land in Baldwin township, his death occurring where the borough of Carrick is now located. Mr. Woodford was one of the founders of the Concord Presbyterian Church, and throughout his life was a member thereof, attending its services with punctual regularity and devoting himself with whole-souled enthusiasm to its work. While working in a quarry procuring stone for the foundation of the parsonage a splinter of stone struck his eyeball, destroying his sight in that member. His earnest regard for the welfare and maintenance of this place of worship descended to his only son and child, who for years bore almost the entire expense connected therewith. William Woodford died May 12, 1877, aged eighty-five years. He married Mrs. Jane (Hockenberry) Carr, a native of Cambria county, Pennsylvania, and had but one child who reached mature years, Richard, of whom further.

(II) Richard Woodford, son of William and Jane (Hockenberry-Carr) Woodford, was born in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, July 20, 1835, died January 25, 1902. As a youth he attended the public schools of Point View, in his native township, and was for a time his father's helper on the home farm, later acquiring title to a tract of thirty acres in Baldwin township, land now occupied by the town of Carrick, lots in that place having been made from his land after his death. He and his wife were members of the Concord Presbyterian Church, to whose current expenses he was a most generous and liberal contributor. He was a Republican in political conviction, and a lifelong adherent to that party. During the greater part of his life his activities were hampered by a poor constitution, his health weakening before the slightest strain, so that much that he was fitted for by nature, especially in regard to strength, was left undone. In

1885 he caused the erection of a house at No. 2033 Brownsville road, the present home of his widow. He married, December 10, 1858, Mary A. Burgess, born in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 22, 1836, daughter of George and Harriet (Ward) Burgess, her parents both natives of county Kent, England, where they grew to maturity and were married. He was a farmer in his native land, and after his emigration to the United States, in 1830, settled in Pittsburgh and became a gardener on the South Side, later purchasing a farm in Baldwin township, where he died. Children of George and Harriet (Ward) Burgess: 1. George, a brick manufacturer, married Ann Harris, both deceased. 2. Phoebe, married Daniel Bennett, both deceased; lived in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 3. Mary A., of previous mention, married Richard Woodford. Children of Richard and Mary A. (Burgess) Woodford: 1. George B., of whom further. 2. Walter L., born March 23, 1868; assistant treasurer of the Sharon Savings and Trust Company; married Wilhelmina Hayes. 3. Harvey Edwin, born May 28, 1870; unmarried, lives with his mother. 4. Laura L., born January 26, 1873, died unmarried, September 17, 1901.

(III) George B. Woodford, eldest of the four children of Richard and Mary A. (Burgess) Woodford was born in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, September 23, 1865. When he was two and one-half years of age his parents moved to the present site of Carrick, where he was educated in the public schools. He being the eldest son, his father's poor health placed upon his shoulders at an early age the responsibility of farm management, beginning the assumption of these duties when a boy of twelve years. He lived on the home farm until his marriage, in 1904 purchasing twenty-five acres of the farm from his mother, and three years later becoming owner of the remaining ninety acres. This has been platted for building lots and is known as the Woodford Subdivision, Nos. 2, 3 and 4. Since 1904 Mr. Woodford has devoted himself to the development of this locality, his real estate operations being confined to that tract. The location is a delightful one, Carrick a thriving and prosperous community, and he has been successful in his dealings, the sale price of his property marking a wonderful increase over its original value. Mr. Woodford's residence is at No. 2103 Brownsville road, where he built a brick house in October, 1902. Mr. and Mrs. Woodford are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. He married, in 1892, Anna Keasey Dane Boehm, a widow, born in Germany, and is the father of one child, Hazel A., who lives at home.

BRAUN

William and John A. Braun are sons of Adam Braun, born in Hersfeld, a town of Prussia, in Hesse-Nassau, on the river Fulda, August 2, 1817, died in Shaler township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1889. He came to the United States a young man, settled in Shaler township, where he established and maintained a dairy until 1854, when he purchased a farm of one hundred acres

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upon which he resided until his death. He married (first) Susan Siebert, born in Germany in 1824, who bore him four children. They were both active members of the German Evangelical Church. He married (second) Susannah Weisman, born in Germany, November 30, 1822. Children of first wife: 1. Mary, born December 23, 1846, now deceased; she married Henry Mangold and left children: William and Emma. 2. Emma, born April 29, 1850; married Isaac Hartung. 3. Henry, born July 29, 1850, now deceased; married Emma Keil. 4. Rebecca, born April 11, 1854, her mother dying soon after her birth. Children of second wife: 5. William, of further mention. 6. Matilda, born January, 1859; married John S. Weissert. 7. Margaret L., married George H. Pfischner, deceased. 8. Amelia, died December 5, 1909; married Henry Seel, who died December 15, 1909. 9. John A., of further mention.

William Braun, eldest son of Adam Braun and his second wife, Susannah (Weisman) Braun, was born at the home farm, in Shaler township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 2, 1857. He was educated in the township public schools and at Sharpsburg Academy, securing in these schools a good mental training. He was his father's assistant on the farm and in the management of the dairy until he obtained legal age, then became head of the business. He continued business at the home farm until 1885, then bought a farm of thirty-six acres, where he engaged in dairy farming until 1899, then sold his dairy herd and business. Since then he has confined himself to stock dealing and farming. He is also a good auctioneer and cries many sales in his neighborhood. His farm adjoins that of his brother, John A. Braun, and is a well kept fertile tract, well improved. Mr. Braun is a Republican in politics and has served his township as auditor, treasurer and commissioner, holding these various offices for many years. He is a member of the Lutheran Church of Shalersburg.

Mr. Braun married, September 24, 1885, Malinda M. Boertzler, born September 16, 1858, died January 14, 1912. Their marriage was not blessed with children, and after the death of his youngest sister, Amelia, and her husband, Henry Seel, in 1909, they adopted the youngest son, Harry Braun Seel, the court legalizing the adoption and changing the name of the boy to Harry Seel Braun.

John A. Braun, youngest child of Adam Braun and his second wife, Susannah (Weisman) Braun, was born on the Shaler township farm, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1865. He attended public school until fourteen years of age, then until he was twenty-two was his father's assistant in the latter's dairy business. John A. then started in the same business for himself and conducted it most successfully until 1911 when he sold his entire interest in the dairy, but retains his farm in Shaler township and there resides. In 1911 he was appointed assistant superintendent of Allegheny county roads and placed in charge of the north roads of the county. He is a justice of the peace for Shaler township and for twenty-seven years has served as school director. He belongs to the Masonic

Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, is an active member of the German Evangelical Church, and in politics is a Republican. He married, May 26, 1898, Louisa Michley, born October 23, 1866, daughter of Adam and Mary Metz Michley, of Butler county, Pennsylvania.

LAGEMAN

Gardening is a branch of farming the possibilities of which have scarcely been realized in the United States, where the tendency in operations of that nature is toward magnitude of scale rather than intensity of production.

Among the exponents of this calling in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and among its most successful followers are William Joseph and August Gerhart Lageman. They are sons of Garrett Henry Lageman, a native of Holland, who came to the United States in 1848, settling in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was married. In that place he was a farmer and truck-raiser, the Highland High School's site having formerly been a part of his land, and about 1876 moved to Morningside Heights, there purchasing eighteen acres of land, improving the same with substantial buildings and there residing until his death in 1902. During the war between the states he was three times drafted for service in the Union army, each time paying for the services of a substitute who was sent to the front. Both he and his wife were members of the Roman Catholic Church, while in political faith he was a Democrat, serving as a member of the borough council of Morningside Heights and becoming assessor of the eighteenth ward after the borough was incorporated with the city of Pittsburgh. He married Martha Brickwade, born in Holland, who came to the United States unmarried, her death occurring in 1909. They were the parents of: 1. Mary, died in infancy. 2. John, died in infancy. 3. Henry, died unmarried, aged twenty-eight years. 4. Herman, a poultry raiser, lives near Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. 5. John J., died aged thirty-four years. 6. August Gerhart, of whom further. 7. William Joseph, of whom further.

August Gerhart Lageman, son of Garrett Henry and Martha (Brickwade) Lageman, was born in Pittsburgh East End, December 17, 1857. He was a student in St. Peter's and St. Paul's Parochial School, finishing his studies by a course in the commercial department of the Pittsburgh Central High School, whence he was graduated. His education completed he was for four years associated with his brother, Herman, in the grocery business, then for several years assisted his father at home. After his marriage in 1881 he established in vegetable gardening in partnership with his brother-in-law, Frank Schuler, at Ingram Heights, an association that was severed after nine months, Mr. Lageman passing the next year with his father. He then moved to his present location on Ewing road, Crafton, and was for nine months engaged in gardening with his father-in-law, at the end of that time purchasing his interest in the business and continuing as the sole proprietor, later buying the land that he cultivated. The tract at the time of

purchase consisted of twelve and one-half acres and since that time Mr. Lageman has added seven acres to his possessions, renting ten acres additional. His son is connected with him in a general gardening business, and during the spring and summer season they are assisted by a force of three or four men. Prosperity has attended Mr. Lageman's efforts in large measure, and from land valuable in itself he derives crops that command attractive prices on the market because of their well-known freshness and excellence.

He married, July 7, 1881, Barbara Catherine, born in Ingram, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, died November 15, 1901, daughter of Philip and Catharine Schuler, her father, deceased, a farmer and fruit-grower. Children of August Gerhart and Barbara Catherine (Schuler) Lageman: 1. Clementina, died in infancy. 2. Harry, paying teller of the Diamond National Bank, of Pittsburgh, resides in Ingram, Pennsylvania. 3. Philip August, died in infancy. 4. John J., lives in Crafton, Pennsylvania, his father's business partner. 5. Barbara Catherine, married Bernard A. Bannon, and lives at home. 6. Mary Elizabeth, lives in Ingram, Pennsylvania. 7. Aloysius, died aged nine years. 8. Jerome, twin of Aloysius, died in infancy. 9. August lives at home. 10. Angelina, lives at home.

William Joseph Lageman, son of Garrett Henry and Martha (Brickwade) Lageman, was born in Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1860. He obtained his youthful education in St. Peter's and St. Paul's Parochial School, completing his studies by a business course in Duff's Commercial College. He was first a truck raiser in Pittsburgh East End, about 1893 moving to Chartiers township, now the third ward of Crafton, there purchasing twenty-five acres of land, and continuing in general gardening operations at that place at this time (1914). Since his purchase the land that he cultivates with such marked success has increased greatly in value, and from its bountiful yield under skillful management he has realized a comfortable income. His market is a ready one, his reputation as a successful gardener having gained him a wide patronage, past experience having taught his trade the assurance of fresh and palatable products in season. An Independent in politics he has served as a member of the Crafton council for three years, and with his wife belongs to St. Philip's Roman Catholic Church, also holding membership in the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Mutual Beneficial Association.

Mr. Lageman married, September 18, 1884, Jerome Schnelbach, born in Pittsburgh East End, daughter of Henry and Margaret (Hyle) Schnelbach, her father, an early settler in that locality, died in 1912, aged eighty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Lageman are the parents of: 1. Leona, married John Myers, and lives in Pittsburgh East End. 2. Marie, lives at home. 3. John, lives at home. 4. Joseph, lives at home. 5. Maurice, a brass cutter, lives at home.

KIEHL

August Kiehl is a member of a family representative of the best type of German-American character, which has brought to the cosmopolitan citizenship of this country its own peculiar traits of steadfast effort, energy and thrift.

His father's name was August Kiehl also, the elder man being born in the "Fatherland," and coming to this country while still a youth. Upon arriving in the United States he went directly to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and there took up his abode. He met in Pittsburgh, sometime after his arrival, Theresa Mesner, also a native of Germany, who had come as a young girl to the United States and settled in the Pennsylvanian city. To Miss Mesner Mr. Kiehl was married in Millvale, Pennsylvania, and by her had two sons, August, of whom further, and Charles. The death of Mr. Kiehl occurred August 27, 1914, and his wife's death occurred in 1883.

August Kiehl Jr. was born August 4, 1880, in "South Side," Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He there passed his childhood, receiving his education in the local public schools. At the age of thirteen years he left school and found employment for himself in various ways until he had reached the age of seventeen. He then learned the trade of plumber, and in 1899 removed to the town of Millvale, Pennsylvania, and there engaged in the plumbing business on his own account. In this enterprise he flourished so well that by 1905 he owned his own place of business at No. 405 Grant street, Millvale. His success did not end there, but ever since his business has grown and flourished until it has reached its present proportions. Besides his activity in his business, Mr. Kiehl finds time to play a prominent part in the life of his town in a number of ways. He is a member of the Republican party and interested in all political questions, whether of local or general application, and he is a member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Protective Home Circle and the Loyal Order of Moose.

Mr. Kiehl married, March, 1901, Minnie Rahn, a native of Millvale, Pennsylvania, where she was born. Mrs. Kiehl is the daughter of John and Augusta Rahn, Mr. Rahn deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Kiehl have been born seven children, as follows: August, deceased; Anna; Ruth; Hester; B——, deceased; Levern; Wilfred.

In spite of his youth Mr. Kiehl has already made a prominent position for himself in the community of which he is a member. He is already a man of substance and has made his own way in the world, whatever measure of success is his being due to his own efforts. He places his faith in work, believing that this alone can accomplish anything for a man. He was reared in the Lutheran Church, and is formally a member, but he is liberal in religious matters and his children attend the Methodist Episcopal Sunday school.

HARRISON

The maternal progenitors of the late John Harrison, an old and honored resident of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, came to Pennsylvania from the state of Virginia. His

great-grandfather, Colonel Lawrence Muse, was a veteran of the French and Indian wars, residing near Winchester, Virginia, where his son, Fauntley Muse, was born in 1755. After the death of Colonel Muse, his widow, Elizabeth Fauntleroy, remained single for some time, then married Colonel William Elrod, and with her husband and son Fauntley came to Pennsylvania. They located on a tract near the village of Boston, on the Youghiogheny river, where Fauntley Muse grew to manhood. During the war of the Revolution he served on the frontier under seven different enlistments, his terms of service aggregating twenty months. He was engaged in many fights with Indians in Western Pennsylvania, and rendered important service in controlling the savage allies of the English. After the war he engaged in farming, owning two hundred acres, where Olympia Park, McKeesport, is now located. He married (first) Mary Jones, who died in 1814, leaving nine children. He married (second) Margaret (Merton) Patterson, widow of Nathan Patterson. He died in 1839, at the farm on the Youghiogheny, the old house in which he lived still standing. Children by first wife: William, died young; Ann, married John Montgomery; Mary, married (first) Robert Henderson, (second) George Warren; Fauntley (2), born 1790, married (first) Catherine Graham, (second) a Miss Graham; Sarah, married Joseph Edmundson; John Jones, born 1796, married (first) Rebecca Edmundson, (second) Mrs. Ella Z. (Craig) Wilson; Elizabeth, born June 29, 1798, married John Harrison, of further mention; James, married (first) Jane Waters, (second) Hannah Condit; Margaret, married Thomas Edmundson.

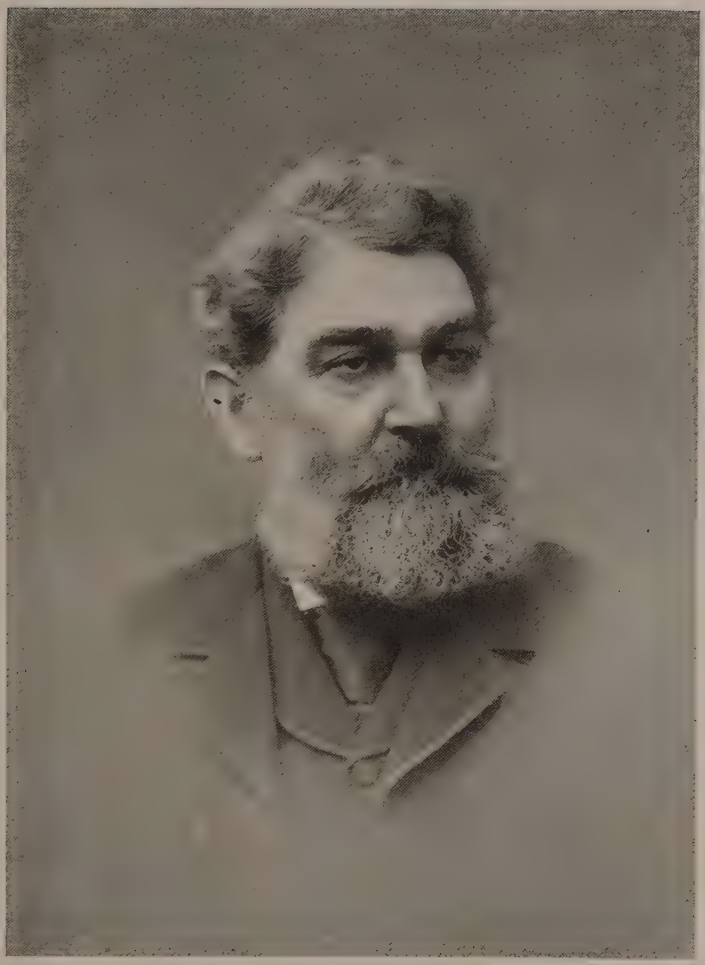
The paternal progenitors of John Harrison were of Irish blood, the Muses of Welsh. He was a grandson of James Harrison, of an early Allegheny county family, who married Jennie Bell, who bore him three sons and three daughters: William Henry, married Betsey Grove, and is buried with her in Versailles Cemetery; James, married Ann Lynch, and has descendants now living in McKeesport; John, of whom further; Belle, married a Dougherty; Elizabeth, married a Brisbin; Sarah, married a Ritchie.

(II) John Harrison, son of James and Jennie (Bell) Harrison, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 29, 1796. He spent his early life on the home farm, but after his marriage moved to the Forks of Youghiogheny and Monongahela rivers, and later to McKeesport. There he bought a plot of several acres on the southeast edge of the village and for many years followed there his trade of blacksmith. He and his wife were pious, devoted Presbyterians, workers in both church and Sunday school. They are both buried in Versailles Cemetery. He married Elizabeth Muse, born June 29, 1798, daughter of Fauntley and Mary (Jones) Muse, of previous mention. Children: 1. James, born June 14, 1822, died in 1824. 2. Mary, born June 27, 1824; married James Wilson; died in Dravosburg, Pennsylvania. 3. William E., born June 22, 1826, died in McKeesport; was postmaster and merchant. 4. Ann M., born March 5, 1826; married Samuel Fields; died in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 5. Walter B., born Au-

gust 2, 1830, died in McKeesport; was a riverman. 6. John, of whom further. 7. Martha S., born December 30, 1834, died July 23, 1886; married G. W. Gray. 8. Fauntley M., born February 22, 1837, died April 13, 1853. 9. Sarah born July 19, 1839, died December 23, 1882; married Joseph Dougherty.

(III) John (2) Harrison, son of John (1) and Elizabeth (Muse) Harrison, was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1832, lived his entire life in the same neighborhood, and died January 18, 1905. He was educated in public schools in McKeesport, and on arriving at suitable age became a stationary engineer, working in the saw mills and on the river boats. When the steel mills were started in McKeesport, he was one of the first engineers employed and for forty-three years was continuously so engaged. During the latter years of his life he was chief engineer and foreman, and during the last year he lived was an honored pensioner of the company, having reached the age limit and holding an honorable record for efficiency and fidelity. His home on what is now Ninth avenue he built on a part of his father's original purchase, he having purchased a large part of the tract from his brothers and sisters. The house he built and in which he lived and died stands not many yards from the house in which he was born and where his youth was spent. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Royal Arcanum.

John (2) Harrison married, January 27, 1859, Mary Russell, born in Scotland, November 26, 1844, who yet survives him, a resident of McKeesport. She is a daughter of Alexander and Lillie (Dewar) Russell, who came to the United States in 1849, settling in Washington county, Pennsylvania, on the banks of the Monongahela river, where Alexander Russell, a miner, died about 1852. His widow married (second) Andrew Taylor, and moved to Versailles township, and later removed to McKeesport, Allegheny county, where she again became a widow. She died at McKeesport in 1896. Children by Alexander Russell: 1. Mary, widow of John (2) Harrison. 2. Ellen, died in infancy. 3. Ellen, died aged three years. 4. William A., now living retired in McKeesport. 5. Elizabeth, married David Sarver, and died in McKeesport. By her second husband, Andrew Taylor, she had two children, who died young: George J., now living in McKeesport, and Thomas, living retired in Pittsburgh. Children of John (2) and Mary (Russell) Harrison: 1. Martha E., a teacher, living at home. 2. Lillie D., married Robert D. Wilson, and resides in the state of Washington. 3. Jennie B., residing at home. 4. Elizabeth Muse, married W. E. Newlin, and resides in McKeesport. 5. Dewees Wood, resides in McKeesport, an employee of the Pennsylvania railroad. 6. John G., died aged three years. 7. Mary Russell, married George L. Edmundson, and resides in McKeesport. 8. Walter B., a steel mill worker of McKeesport. These children, by virtue of the patriotic service of their ancestor, Fauntley Muse, are eligible to all societies basing membership upon descent from Revolutionary ancestors.



John Harrison

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Harrison has continued her residence in McKeesport in the home erected by her husband. She was a child of five years when brought to this country by her parents, and has passed her life largely in McKeesport, where she became a bride fifty-five years ago, and lived a happy wife forty-six of those years.

BERAN

Frank Beran, a native of Bohemia, Austria, spent his entire life in his native country, where he was a soap maker. He married Josephine ——, and had children: Frank, of further mention; Joseph; Wenzel, who came to America; Josephine; Julie.

(II) Frank (2) Beran, son of Frank (1) and Josephine Beran, was born in Bohemia, in 1822, died in 1891, in his native land. He was a baker by trade, following this calling for a period of twenty years, then became a teamster, hauling goods from one city to another. He married Josephine Funfar, who came to America with her children after the death of her husband, settled at North Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was a member of St. Vencesloas Church, and died in 1896. Children: Marie, married Anthony Krecek, lives in Pittsburgh; Antonia, married Anthony Cecunda, and lives at North Side, Pittsburgh; Anna, deceased, married John Lhota; Frank, lives at North Side, Pittsburgh, married Katherine Lhota; John, of further mention.

(III) John Beran, son of Frank (2) and Josephine (Funfar) Beran, was born in Bohemia, Austria, June 24, 1863. He was educated in the public schools of his native country, and emigrated to the United States in 1881. For about one year he lived at North Side, Pittsburgh, then went to Chicago, Illinois, where he worked in a bakery for a period of five months. He then returned to Pittsburgh and found employment in a bakery there. About 1884 he established himself in the tanning business, which he carried on about three years, and then opened a bakery, at No. 405 Chestnut street, North Side. He has made a success of this enterprise, and has been identified with it since that time. Because his health had become impaired, Mr. Beran purchased a farm of thirty-two acres in Shaler township, but continues as the owner of his business places at Nos. 401, 403 and 405 Chestnut street, and No. 96 Main street. He now devotes the greater part of his time to his farming interests, of which he is making a decided success. He has set out one thousand fruit trees, three thousand berry bushes, and two thousand grapevines. Politically he is a Republican, but has never held public office here. He is a consistent member of the Catholic church, to which he is a generous contributor. His fraternal and social affiliations are with the following organizations: St. Vencesloas Lodge; Bohemian Literary Society; Independent Order of Foresters; grand vice-president of the Bohemian Roman Catholic Institution of United Jesuits.

Mr. Beran married, October 31, 1886, Barbara, born in December, 1866, a daughter of Joseph and Anna (Sveska) Stybr, and they have children, all living at home: Joseph, born November 5, 1887; Edward, born July 9, 1890;

John, born July 4, 1892; Otto, born December 25, 1895; Marie, born August 25 1897; Bessie, born on Easter Day, 1900; Adele, born September 25, 1902; Charles, born May 16, 1909.

WILHELM

The name of Wilhelm is to be met with very frequently in this country, and still more frequently in its Anglicized form of William or Williams. The branch of the Wilhelm family of which this review treats has now lived here for some generations, but the original form of the name has been retained.

(I) Paul Wilhelm was born in Germany, and emigrated to this country in 1858, sending for his wife and children the following year. He settled at South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he labored as a miner for a number of years, and died at West Liberty, at the age of seventy-two years. He married, in Germany, Caroline Spangler, who died in 1898, at the age of eighty-eight years. They were the parents of children as follows: 1. William, a coal miner residing at Oakdale, Pennsylvania; married Bertha Ressing. 2. Christian, of further mention. 3. Caroline (Lena), married Philip Hoffman, a blacksmith, and they are living at McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 4. Louisa, married William Haas, now deceased, and lives in Brookline, a part of Pittsburgh. 5. Frederick, deceased; was a coal miner; married Susan Pollott, who is now living at West Liberty. 6. Charles, a mining foreman; married Catherine Koontz; lives at Carrick, Pennsylvania.

(II) Christian Wilhelm, son of Paul and Caroline (Spangler) Wilhelm, was born in Germany in 1836, died in Pennsylvania in 1908. He was born on a farm in Germany, and came to this country with his mother in 1859. He had received a good education in his native land, but being ignorant of the English language when he came to the United States he was obliged to go to work in the coal mines, of the South Side, Pittsburgh. This occupation he continued some time after his marriage, but the constant underground employment undermined his health, and he was obliged to discontinue this form of labor. He accordingly opened a grocery store at Dravosburg, Pennsylvania, which he carried on successfully for a period of six years, then removed to West Liberty, in 1868, this section now being the nineteenth ward of Pittsburgh. There he purchased the store of Charles King, later erecting a store building of his own, and conducted a general store until his death. He was a man of considerable importance in the community, giving his support to the Republican party, and served as a member of the school board and the town council. He and his wife were members of the German Evangelical Church. Mr. Wilhelm married Louisa Coch, the only child of her parents. Her father died in Germany, where she was born in 1841, and her mother came to America with her, and settled at Becks Run, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. There she married (second) —— Schneider, and died June 9, 1866, having had the following named children by her second marriage: Christian, Adam, Robert, Martha. Mrs. Wilhelm died in August, 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm had children: 1. George Philip Fred-

erick, had a miners' supply store at Market street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he died January 8, 1913; he married Clara McCuen. 2. Louisa, married George Huey, a machinist and real estate dealer, living on West Liberty avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 3. William Powell, who has charge of the store established by his father at West Liberty; married Louisa Bissell. 4. August Christian, of further mention. 5. Minnie, married James Walker, a grocer and general contractor; lives at Rennerdale, Pennsylvania. 6. Charles, died at the age of fourteen years.

(III) August Christian Wilhelm, son of Christian and Louisa (Coch) Wilhelm, was born in West Liberty borough; now a part of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, December 30, 1870. He attended the public schools of his native township until he had attained the age of fourteen years, when he commenced to devote all of his time to assisting his father in the work connected with the store, having given a part of his time to this service since he was six years of age. In this manner he had learned the business practically and in every detail, and in 1897 he and his brother, William Powell, purchased the business from their father and operated it together for a period of five and a half years. In the year 1902 Mr. Wilhelm located in Dormont, Pennsylvania, and built a store there at the corner of West Liberty and Tennessee avenues. This was opened on January 15, 1903, and he has since that time been engaged in its successful conduct. He has more than doubled his stock since he first started there, and his trade in the general grocery line is one of the finest in that section of the country. He is a staunch Republican in political opinion, and he and his wife are members of the Mount Lebanon First Presbyterian Church. His fraternal affiliations are as follows: Dallas Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons; Zerubbabel Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Ascalon Commandery, No. 59, Knights Templar; Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Western Star Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Wilhelm married, October 20, 1898, Ida May, born on Squirrel Hill, a part of Pittsburgh, a daughter of Casper and Magdalena Hazelett, the former a gardener, and both now deceased. The only child of Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm is Ethel Lenorace, born March 4, 1900.

MOORE

In its Irish home the members of the Moore family were of Presbyterian belief, continuing in that faith after the emigration to America in 1794 of Samuel D. and Nancy Moore, both born in county Armagh, Ireland. In 1802 Samuel D. Moore and his family left the city of Philadelphia, where they had first landed and where they had made their home in the intervening years, moving to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, there living in North Fayette township. Samuel D. and Nancy Moore were the parents of: Robert, Alexander, Samuel, Mary, John, of whom further; Hugh.

(II) John Moore, son of Samuel D. and Nancy Moore, was born while his parents were journeying from Philadelphia to Allegheny county, Penn-

sylvania, in January, 1802, died in North Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He was reared on his father's farm, and after his marriage, in 1826, purchased a large tract of land in North Fayette township, where he passed the remainder of his life. Large flocks of sheep grazed over his acres, and the wool annually taken from these animals was woven on the farm, the cloth product bringing a profitable price on the market. His church was the United Presbyterian, at the services of which he was a regular attendant. He married, in 1826, Jane, born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in September, 1802, daughter of John and Margaret (Riddle) Arnold. Her parents were natives of the north of Ireland, coming to this country in 1787, settling on the property now known as the Vincent Miller farm in North Fayette township, where John Arnold held title. They were prominent in the organization of a congregation of the United Presbyterian faith in that locality, a brother of Margaret Riddle, Rev. John Riddle, being the first pastor to minister to the newly organized body, which first worshipped in a tent on Robinson Run, the tabernacle being known as Robinson Run Tent. John and Margaret (Riddle) Arnold were the parents of: 1. John (2), married Mary Cabot, purchased a farm on King's creek, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there lived all of his life. 2. Margaret, married Samuel Steward, a blacksmith of Noblestown, Pennsylvania. 3. Jane, of previous mention, married John Moore. Children of John and Jane (Arnold) Moore: 1. Samuel, died unmarried, aged twenty-one years. 2. Henry, a chairmaker, lived in Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side), Pennsylvania. 3. Margaret, died unmarried, aged twenty years. 4. John A., of whom further. 5. Jane, married John P. Hughes, a wholesale and retail tobacconist of Pittsburgh. 6. Hugh, died in infancy.

(III) John A. Moore, son of John and Jane (Arnold) Moore, was born in North Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1833, died in 1908. He grew to manhood on the old Moore homestead, attending the Ewing school. He became the owner of that property in after life and spent his entire years thereon, cultivating the land with good success. His church was the United Presbyterian, while in politics he was an active worker for the Republican party. He married (first) Rebecca Anderson, born on the boundary line between Pennsylvania and West Virginia, died September 3, 1861, daughter of Robert and Rebecca Anderson, her parents residents of Hancock county, West Virginia, her father a farmer. Robert and Rebecca Anderson had: 1. Rebecca, of previous mention, married John A. Moore. 2. Sarah, married William Shea, and moved to Fairview, West Virginia, there residing the remainder of her life. John A. Moore married (second) Catherine Peoples, born in North Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, died in September, 1879. Children of John A. and Rebecca (Anderson) Moore: 1. Robert Anderson, of whom further. 2. John Sheridan, of whom further. Children of John A. and Catherine (Peoples) Moore: 3. James, a carpenter of Oakdale, Pennsylvania. 4. Harry, a farmer, owns land near Hanlon Station, Pennsylvania. 5. Charles, a resident of the West.

6. Jennie, married James Cochran, and lives near Oakdale, Pennsylvania. 7. Lizzie, married Martin Hughes, and lives near Erie, Pennsylvania. 8. Nelson, a painter of Noblestown, Pennsylvania.

(IV) Robert Anderson Moore, son of John A. and Rebecca (Anderson) Moore, was born on the Steubenville Pike, North Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 27, 1859, and was there reared to manhood. Upon reaching mature age he engaged in farming operations independently, renting the land that he cultivated until 1910, in the fall of that year moving to Oakdale, where he has lived partially retired since that time. Mr. Moore's home is on Hastings avenue, and although he has contracted no pressing business alliances he has several connections that well occupy his time. His political party is the Republican, while both he and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church. He married, in November, 1888, Sarah J. Scott, and has one son, John Scott. John and Sarah Scott, parents of Mrs. Moore, came from Ireland to Pennsylvania, where he rented a farm. They are both deceased. Children: Maria, deceased; Sarah J., John, Annie, deceased.

(IV) John Sheridan Moore, son of John A. and Rebecca (Anderson) Moore, was born in North Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, August 27, 1861. Until he was seventeen years of age he attended the McGill School, living on the home farm until he was eighteen years old. He then was employed in Pittsburgh in the retail and wholesale tobacco store of his uncle, John P. Hughes, for about four years, then moved to Oakdale and became a mercantile clerk, being employed by J. J. Adams, Henry Matthews, and the Pittsburgh Coal Company. In 1903 Mr. Moore became the proprietor of a stationery and news store, in 1905 purchasing the general hardware store of R. Wallace & Brother, which he has conducted since that time. He has enlarged the stock of the store, added several departments thereto that had previously been lacking, one of the most successful of his new departures being the installation of a department for agricultural implements, of which he carries a generous and inclusive line. His new policy has attracted a large volume of business, they being purchasers of reliable goods, and the patrons of the establishment receive the most courteous of treatment. The Presbyterian Church is that of which Mr. Moore is a member, his fraternal society being the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while politically he is a Republican. Since 1885 his home has been on Hastings avenue, Oakdale, where he built a residence in that year.

Mr. Moore married, October 9, 1883, Ida Dodds, born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, daughter of Solomon and Susan Dodds, her father a carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are the parents of: 1. Bertha, born in April, 1886; married Rev. A. S. Wilson, a minister of the Presbyterian Church, and resides in Calcutta, Ohio. 2. Susan, born in 1887; married Walter D. McClelland, engaged in the insurance business in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, where they reside. 3. Wesley, born December 5, 1890; asso-

ciated in business with his father. 4. Homer, born August 27, 1895; a student in a business college. 5. Margaret, born in 1899; attending school.

BREITENBAUGH

The branch of the Breitenbaugh family treated of in this review has been in this country but a comparatively short period of time, yet the various members have already amply shown their worth as good and desirable citizens.

Joseph Breitenbaugh was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1809. He emigrated to America in 1830, when just twenty-one years of age, and made his home for a time at Hagerstown, Maryland. He came to Manchester borough in 1844. He remained there until May 2, 1866, when he removed to Ress township, now Reserve township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He was a shoemaker by trade, and had followed this calling in his native land, but after settling in Reserve township he took up gardening and became identified with that field of industry very successfully. He was a Democrat politically, and a communicant of the Catholic church. While living in Hagerstown, Maryland, he married Katherine Bean, and they had children: Mary Katherine, died at the age of nine years; Joseph, died in infancy; Frank, died February 6, 1903; John J., of further mention.

John J. Breitenbaugh, son of Joseph and Katherine (Bean) Breitenbaugh, was born at Manchester, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 2, 1857. His education was acquired in the public schools of that section, and at a suitable age he took up the florist's calling, and has made a decided success of this. He owns five acres of land, all under cultivation, lying on the borders of Millvale, and has several fine greenhouses, and a beautiful house on this property. He has been an active worker in the interests of the Democratic party, and served as township commissioner, 1908-10. His religious affiliation is with the Catholic church, to which he is a generous contributor. Mr. Breitenbaugh married, June 28, 1902, Mary Kress, and they have had children: Matilda, John William, Florence, Charles, James, Anthony, Edwin, all living at home.

TULLY

Herman Hudson Tully, prominently and actively identified with the varied interests of the city of McKeesport, where his birth occurred, is a representative of a family that has long been seated in the state of Maryland, the members thereof performing the duties falling to their lot in an exemplary manner.

(I) George H. Tully, grandfather of Herman Hudson Tully, was born August 20, 1842, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and his grandmother, Margaret Tully, was born September 30, 1842, in Cecil county, Elkton, Maryland. Early in their married life they went to Washington and from there to McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where they spent the remainder of their days.

(II) Garvin Tully, son of George H. Tully, was born in Elkton, Lisle county, Maryland, September 22, 1862. After completing his studies in the

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common schools of the neighborhood, he became a roller in the mills, continuing in this employ for a number of years, after which he turned his attention to the real estate business, being successfully engaged in that line of work for sixteen years, and at the present time (1914) is serving in the capacity of salesman for his son, Herman H. Tully. His political allegiance is given to the Republican party, and he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, his wife holding a membership with the same church. He married Anna Hudson, born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1863. Children: Grace, wife of Hartvig Svenson, of Charleroi, Pennsylvania; Herman Hudson, of whom further; Hazel, wife of Harry Stephen, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania; Margaret, a resident of McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

(III) Herman Hudson Tully, son of Garvin Tully, was born in McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1886. The public schools of his native city afforded him the means of obtaining an education, and after completing his studies he entered the employ of W. Dewees Wood's Mill, where he continued working for four years. His next employer was J. W. Weldon, a grocer, with whom he remained for two years, and his next employer was W. J. Sharples, with whom he remained for three years. The following year he was a student in Bucknell University, Louisburg, Pennsylvania, thus supplementing the knowledge obtained during his earlier years. During his summer vacation of 1907, he was then employed by the National Tube Company; he then secured employment with the Realty Company, but after a short period of time he became an employee of W. J. German, but only remained with him for a short period of time, as on October 1, 1908, he engaged in the real estate, insurance and renting business on his own account, and now has the most extensive business in that line in Allegheny county, his office located at No. 517 Walnut street, McKeesport, Pennsylvania, his patronage increasing steadily with each passing year. He is a Progressive Republican in politics, and holds membership in the Knights of Malta, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, Royal Arcanum, Junior Order of American Mechanics, Pittsburgh Real Estate Board, McKeesport Cyclers Association, and the Board of Fire Underwriters of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania .

Mr. Tully married, June 16, 1909, Emma Reynolds, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Briggs) Reynolds, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. One child, Frank Reynolds, born January 14, 1911. Mr. Tully is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. They are well known in the community, honored and respected by all with whom they are brought in contact.

GRIESLER

Edward Griesler, farmer of McCandless, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, was born on the farm he now owns, and is a son of Michael Griesler, who came from Germany to the United States a young married man. He settled first on a small

tract in McCandless township, but a few years later purchased a farm of fifty acres, which he cleared and on which he erected the buildings now used by his son, Edward. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and in politics a Democrat. Mr. Griesler and his wife Mary, were married in Germany, coming soon afterward to the United States. Children: 1. Michael, unmarried. 2. Mary, married Harvey Fitzpatrick. 3. Elizabeth, married John Albright. 4. Joseph, married Elizabeth Smith. 5. Edward, of whom further.

Edward Griesler was born February 23, 1869. He was educated in the public schools of McCandless township, and from youth was his father's assistant on the home farm. In 1906 he became owner of the property and there engages in general farming and market gardening. He is an attendant of the Presbyterian church, his wife being a member of that denomination. Mr. Griesler married Clara Anderson, born August 18, 1877, daughter of Robert C. Anderson, born January 9, 1837, died February 21, 1914, and his wife, Leah Ann (Hamilton) Anderson, who survives him. Mrs. Anderson was the only child born in the historic Block House in Pittsburgh during the early period; her father was killed in the Mexican War and her mother was living in the Block House. Children of Robert Anderson: 1. Jennie L., married Ellis D. Powers. 2. Martha R., married Lemuel Stewart. 3. Ella May. 4. Frank O., married Emma Emmett. 5. Robert George, unmarried. 6. Harry E., married Elizabeth Graham. 7. Clara, married Edward Griesler. 8. Anna Blanche, married Charles Tredway. Children of Edward and Clara (Anderson) Griesler: 1. Ivan Alphonhus, born February 22, 1902. 2. Roy Sylvester, born October 14, 1903. 3. Martha Russell, born January 26, 1905. 4. Mabel Virginia, born August 1, 1907. 5. Clara May, born February 28, 1909.

BRANDT

The Brandt family settled in Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1840, the first settlers being Henry Brandt and his five sons, who on coming from Germany first located near Pittsburgh. Philip Brandt, grandson of Henry (2) Brandt, moved to the farm his family now occupies, shortly after his marriage in 1862 and there spent nearly a half century of wedded life, creating a home and rearing a family. The Brandts possessed all the typical virtues of the German settler and by industry and thrift prospered from their earliest settlement.

(I) Henry Brandt came from Germany about 1830 with his wife, Anna Catherine, and five sons. He settled in Allegheny county at Squirrel Hill (Pittsburgh) and there resided until 1840. In the latter year he moved with his sons to Franklin township, where he bought land and resided until death. He was an industrious, thrifty man and reared his family in accordance with the principles that make the German so desirable a citizen wherever he goes. Children: Henry, of further mention; George, married Catherine Scheif; John, died in youth; Philip, married Rachel Smaltz; Conrad, never married.

(II) Henry (2) Brandt, eldest son of Henry (1) and Anna Catherine Brandt, was born in Germany and there resided until about 1830, when he joined the family emigration to the United States, settling with them at Squirrel Hill, Allegheny county, now a part of the city of Pittsburgh. He was well educated in Germany, and shortly after arriving in the United States (after a voyage of eighty-one days) married Catherine Schremf, also born in Germany. He began work in the new home as quarryman for fifty cents a day, but soon abandoned the quarry for a small farm, where he raised garden produce and ran a dairy, Pittsburgh offering a ready market for all he could produce and it is said he was the first man to place buttermilk on public sale in that city. He prospered in his undertakings and accumulated considerable property. Children: Susanna, married Conrad Becker; Philip, of further mention; Henry, married Mary King; George, married Margaret Cook; Nicholas, unmarried.

(III) Philip Brandt, eldest son of Henry (2) and Catherine (Schremf) Brandt, was born in (now) Pittsburgh East End, April 19, 1835, and was educated in the public schools of East Liberty. He worked with his father until his marriage, then began farming on his own account in Franklin township, renting the farm he purchased later and on which he resided until his death, March 5, 1910, in honored old age. He was very industrious and caused the acres he owned to yield bountifully. He erected the buildings on his farm of ninety-five acres, planted orchards and created a pleasant home, where his widow now resides, the cultivation of the farm being now in the hands of her sons, who devote its acres to fruit and market gardening purposes as well as general crops. The farm is well kept and speaks loudly in praise of its thrifty owners. Philip Brandt was a member of the German Lutheran Church, and a Republican in politics.

Mr. Brandt married, in April, 1862, Sophia Waldschmidt, born in Germany, June 23, 1839, daughter of John and Catherine (Damm) Waldschmidt, whose children were: 1. Christina, married Barnett Keller, deceased, the widow now residing with her sister at the farm. 2. Sophia, now widow of Philip Brandt. Children of Philip and Sophia Brandt: 1. George, born January 22, 1863; unmarried, and residing at the home farm. 2. Catherine, born May 1, 1864, deceased; married George Cupps, and had two daughters, Lulu, born January 15, 1890, Emma Brandt, November 25, 1891, adopted by grandparents. 3. Nicholas, born December 2, 1865. 4. Susanna, born October 15, 1867, unmarried. 5. Sophia, born December 9, 1868, unmarried. 6. Margaret, born November 23, 1871, unmarried. 7. Edward Philip, born August 27, 1877.

SAMPLE

The history of the Sample family leads to early Colonial days in Pennsylvania and beyond that to the Emerald Isle from whence came John Sample, great-grandfather of Silas Sample, of Wildwood, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. John Sample came to Pennsylvania, a young man, settling in now Cumberland county, Penn-

sylvania, married and reared a family, among whom was his son, James, of whom further.

(II) James Sample, son of John Sample, died November 24, 1830. He was a noted Indian fighter and Revolutionary soldier. He located in Ross township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1790, and there owned four hundred acres of land. He was a farmer and miller and was a man of prominence until his death at age of seventy-six years. His life was spent amid pioneer surroundings and was a constant conflict with the wild forces of nature and the still more to be dreaded foe, the savage red man. He fought these foes as well as the uniformed enemies of his county during the Revolutionary War and once had the sorrow of knowing wife and child were in the hands of the savage. But their lives were saved by a squaw, to whom Mrs. Sample had shown kindness in more peaceful days, and they safely reached home. James Sample was the second elected sheriff of Allegheny county, and until his death retained a strong influence in the county. He married Christianna Taggart, born May 12, 1755, died November 10, 1829. Children: Mary, born August 30, 1780; James (2), March 29, 1786; John, January 24, 1788; Thomas, January 7, 1791; Robert A., of further mention; Eliza, January 27, 1797; William, July 28, 1800.

(III) Robert A. Sample, fourth son of James and Christianna (Taggart) Sample, was born in Ross township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, December 10, 1793. He became a large land owner at "Girty's Run," Allegheny county. He was a farmer, a man of strong character and influence. He married Mary Simpson, born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, October 19, 1799. Children: 1. James, born April 10, 1820; married Jane Ross. 2. John, born February 16, 1822; married Isabel R. Smith. 3. David, born February 8, 1824, died young. 4. William, born August 31, 1825. 5. Eliza Hannah, born October 4, 1827; married William Hutchman. 6. Mary Jane, born April 3, 1830, died young. 7. Sarah, born August 20, 1832; married Robert Ferguson. 8. Robert, born July 14, 1835; married Harriet Meyer. 9. Silas, of further mention.

(IV) Silas Sample, youngest son and child of Robert A. and Mary (Simpson) Sample, was born January 5, 1839, on the farm he now owns and in the house he now occupies in Hampton township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He attended public schools of the township, and early began working on the farm that now consists of one hundred acres of fertile land, where his life has been spent. On August 11, 1862, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged August 20, 1864. He fought at Antietam and other battles of the Army of the Potomac, escaping unhurt until May 3, 1863, when at the battle of Frederick his right knee was pierced by a rifle ball. He remained in the hospital until the following June 13, when he received a thirty-day furlough to come home, and at expiration reported to hospital in Pittsburgh, remained to January, 1864, returned to Washington, D. C., and served in Second Battalion, Veteran Reserve

Corps, and on August 20, 1864, was honorably discharged from the army. After his return he resumed farming and so continued until advancing years warned him that his days of active work had passed. He had been for many years an elder of Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, and is a member of Colonel Clark's Post, No. 162, Grand Army of Republic, of Allegheny.

Silas Sample married Eliza Jane Stewart, born February 26, 1846, died in 1893, daughter of Andrew E. Stewart. Children: 1. David A., born March 28, 1870. 2. Robert F., born August 25, 1871; married Gertrude Seibert. 3. Mary E., born April 10, 1874; married Abelard H. Logan; children: Luella Jane, Willard D. 4. Susanna S., born May 28, 1878; married John Forsythe; children: Dorothy Jane, Eugene S., Margaret. 5. William G., born May 27, 1882; married Mary E. Viock. 6. Harriet G., born August 31, 1885; married Charles Hardt. 7. Charles L., born September 20, 1887; residing at home and cultivating the homestead farm.

WALKER

The Walker family came to this country originally from England, and bearers of the name are now to be found in every state in the Union. The branch under discussion here were residents of Maryland in earlier days, in that portion just south of Chester county, Pennsylvania, and later migrated to the latter state.

Nathaniel Foster Walker was born in Maryland, near Chester county, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1806, died March 6, 1885. He was very young when his parents died, and at an early age was bound out to learn the harness and saddlemaking trade. He was still very young when he came to Steubenville, Ohio, where he worked at his trade as a journeyman, and finally opened a shop of his own which he conducted very successfully. In 1862 he removed with his family to Richmond, Ohio, where he followed his trade until his death. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Walker married, when he was over forty years of age, Mary (Van Gilder) Banghart, born in Eastern Pennsylvania, August 12, 1812, died November 5, 1895. They had children: Nathaniel Ross, a Presbyterian minister, living in Cincinnati, Ohio; James Francis, born in 1853, a retired druggist of McKeesport, married Ella Moore; William Edward, of further mention. Mrs. Walker had been previously married to Henry Banghart, a blacksmith of Millersburg, Pennsylvania, and they had children: Van Gilder, deceased; Isaac and Henry, farmers in Nebraska; Jennie, married David Robb, and lives in Bloomington, Illinois.

The Van Gilder family, of which Mrs. Walker is a member, came originally from Holland, more than two hundred years ago, and settled in New Jersey. Probably all now bearing the name in America have had a common origin. Michael Van Gilder, father of Mrs. Walker, was a tanner by trade, and owned a tannery in Eastern Pennsylvania. He died at the age of ninety-six years at Richmond, Ohio. He was a soldier during the

War of 1812, and later received a pension for the services he rendered during that struggle. He was Presbyterian, and took an active part in all affairs connected with the church he attended. He married Catherine ———, who died at the age of fifty-six years, and they had children: Isaac, a farmer, lived on Island Creek, Jefferson county, Ohio, went to California during the "gold fever" of 1849 and upon his return settled on a farm in Iowa; Charlotte, married, and lived in Jefferson county, Ohio; Mary, who married Mr. Walker, as above mentioned; Jane, married William Young, a Presbyterian preacher, lived for a time in Ohio, then moved to Illinois, where both died.

William Edward Walker, son of Nathaniel Foster and Mary (Van Gilder) (Banghart) Walker, was born in Steubenville, Jefferson county, Ohio, January 28, 1856. He was six years of age when the family removed to Richmond, Ohio, and there he attended the public schools and Richmond College. He next matriculated at the Long Island Hospital College, in Brooklyn, New York, from which he was graduated in the class of 1881, the degree of Doctor of Medicine being conferred upon him. One year was spent in practice in Richmond, Ohio, in association with Dr. J. C. M. Floyd, and the following year he located in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he gained a large and lucrative practice, in which he is engaged at the present time. In 1893 he erected a large house, containing well-equipped and commodious offices, at No. 214 Sixth avenue, and has resided there since that time. He has served as a member of the board of health of McKeesport, and also as school director. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, in which he is an elder. His fraternal association is with Youghiogheny Lodge, No. 583, Free and Accepted Masons; McKeesport Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Tancred Commandery, No. 48, Knights Templar; charter member of the McKeesport Commandery, Knights Templar; Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Walker married, in May, 1882, Letitia A., born in Richmond, Ohio, a daughter of John and Ruth Watt, owners of a farm. Children: Lena Frances, born July 28, 1884, married D. P. McCune, a physician of McKeesport, and has one child, David Pollock; Sadie Jane, born September 20, 1887, married John Zenn, a bank clerk in McKeesport, and has children: Dorothy and Sarah Letitia; Foster Watt, born August 26, 1889, was graduated from the high school and Grove City College, and resides with parents; John Hobson, born September 17, 1893, died August 10, 1904.

PRZYBYLSKI

This is an ancient and honored family, who were gentlemen farmers for many generations, owning large estates.

Thomas Przybylski was born near the town of Kozielsko, Poland, near the border line of Germany, in 1835, died June 20, 1889. In young manhood he took an active part in the Polish Revolution of the early sixties,

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and in 1864 fled to America as a Polish refugee. For a time he made his home in Baltimore, Maryland, then, by means of working on farms as he went, he made his way to Allegheny, Pennsylvania. After his marriage there he went to St. Louis, Missouri, where he partly learned the brewing trade. He then removed to Annapolis, Maryland, where he made his home, while he was employed in a brewery in Baltimore, and later had an interest in a brewery there and was assistant manager. In 1873 he returned to Poland with his family and there established a brewery which was a great success, as he managed it according to American ideas. While living in America, he worked under an assumed name, so that he could not be traced as a political refugee. The family was a well educated one, and English, German and Polish were spoken in the home with equal facility in each language. Mr. Przybylski married Mary B. Walters, born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, in 1835, died in March, 1897, whose parents were of English descent and of the Quaker faith, and lived on a farm just north of Allegheny City, now North Side, Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Przybylski had children: Louise Mary, married Herman Timer, and lives in Portland, Oregon; a daughter; Ladislaus Thomas, of further mention; Stanislaus, born in Poland, is employed on the railroad, and lives in Portland, Oregon.

Rev. Ladislaus Thomas Przybylski, son of Thomas and Mary B. (Walters) Przybylski, was born in Annapolis, Maryland, May 1, 1869. When a child of four years he was taken back to Poland, where he remained until about twenty years of age, receiving in that country such education as the schools afforded. He was a student at the University of Greiswald for somewhat more than a year, when his father died, and he then returned to the United States. After spending a short time in the East and in Chicago, Illinois, he entered St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was graduated in the class of 1893. He next went to St. Mary's University, Baltimore, Maryland, where he studied theology, and while doing this he taught in Walbrook College. In 1896 he was ordained a priest in the Roman Catholic Church (Polish), at Portland, Oregon, and was located near there for the next eight years. In detail his service was as follows: Fourteen months as assistant to the Right Rev. Charles G. O'Reilly, at Portland; in charge of a Mission at New Era, above Oregon City, Oregon; in charge of a Mission at Eugene City, Oregon; in charge of a church at La Grande, Oregon. He was deeply in earnest in the discharge of the duties of these various positions, and finally the strenuous work impaired his health, and he returned to the East. After a period of rest he came to Homestead, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he was placed in charge of St. Anthony's (Polish) Roman Catholic Church, December 8, 1908. He has done much since that time to improve the condition of the church and everything connected with it, and is greatly beloved by his parishioners. When he took charge there was but one teacher employed in the school connected with the church, now four Sisters have charge of this, and they have a house of their own. The membership of the church has increased

to two hundred and fifty families, he has lifted the debt on the church, and has added a number of class rooms. The church was organized and erected at Homestead by Father Henry Cichocki, and four prominent laymen, and after Father Cichocki had resigned from office, he had three successors—Fathers Julian Loniewuski, Francis Miskiewicz and Rev. L. Stec—before Rev. Ladislaus T. Przybylski took charge.

MOYES

William Edward Moyes is a member of a family representative of the best type of Scotch character, which has brought to the composition of the complex citizenship of the United States a leaven of peculiar value, consisting of the indomitable courage and hard-headed practicability for which the Scotch are so justly famous.

(I) Mr. Moyes' paternal grandparents were Henry and Betsy (Lindsay) Moyes, both of whom passed their entire lives in Scotland, and died there at the ages of eighty-four and seventy-four years, respectively. They had nine children altogether, eight boys and one girl, three of the brothers and the sister coming eventually to the United States, over which their descendants are now pretty well scattered.

(II) One of the brothers who came to this country was Andrew Moyes, the father of William Edward Moyes. His youth had been spent in his native Scotland, where also he had married Margaret Smeaton, a daughter of Edward and Ann (Brown) Smeaton, who later came to America with their eleven children and settled in Harmarville, Pennsylvania. The Smeatons were of a very long lived family, Mr. and Mrs. Smeaton dying at the ages of eighty-eight and ninety-two years, respectively, and all their children living to advanced old age. Andrew Moyes and his wife came to the United States in the year 1845, and settled in Harmarville, Pennsylvania, where they made their home for two years. In his native land he had been a farmer, and now he found employment as a farm hand in a number of places. In 1847 he went to Ross Station, Pennsylvania, where he secured a permanent position as farmer with Mr. James Ross, in which service he remained until the year 1851, when he rented until the year 1876, and then purchased his own farm in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and operated it until the time of his wife's death. This event occurred in the year 1888, after which Mr. Moyes retired from all active life and went to live with his children. Here he remained until his own death, which occurred in his son's house in Sharpsburg, in 1892, in his eighty-first year. To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Moyes were born seven children, as follows: 1. Henry, who served in the Civil War in Company B, Sixty-third Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was taken prisoner at Savage Station, and died in Libby Prison, September 23, 1862, one day before he was to have been exchanged. 2. Anna, now Mrs. Livingood, of Cameron, Missouri. 3. Elizabeth, now Mrs. Little, of Oakmont, Pennsylvania. 4. William Edward of whom further. 5. Robert, now a resident of Warren, Ohio. 6. James D., a resident of Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. 7. Mary, now Mrs. Slatter, also of Sharpsburg.

(III) William Edward Moyes, fourth child of Andrew and Margaret (Smeaton) Moyes, was born at Ross Station, Pennsylvania, January 28, 1848, the year following his parents' coming to the place. He was educated in what is now known as the Hoboken School, and after the completion of his studies, learned the trade of carpenter. This was in the spring of 1867, and he has ever since followed that trade with the exception of nine months in the year 1875, when he lived upon his father's place and there aided in the farm work. In 1878 he began contracting work and still continues in this business, having prospered greatly and built some of the finest buildings in Sharpsburg. Mr. Moyes is a member of the Republican party, and has always taken a keen interest in political questions, whether of local or general application. He is a member of the local Order of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having joined the society in the year 1871, when it was first started in Sharpsburg.

Mr. Moyes married, July 14, 1870, Mary Elizabeth Hobaugh, a native of Sharpsburg, a descendant of the Hobaugh family of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Her father was Samuel W. Hobaugh, a member of a Dutch family, born either in Westmoreland or Allegheny county, probably the former, about 1823, and died when only thirty years and nine months of age. He was a son of Peter and Rebecca (Watters) Hobaugh, who were residents of the neighborhood of Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where Peter Hobaugh was a shoemaker and a stone mason. Samuel W. Hobaugh, the father of Mrs. Moyes, was a brick maker, who plied his trade at East Liberty, Pennsylvania. He married Celista Bedaux, a daughter of Exiver and Mary A. (Burgess) Bedaux, natives of France, who had come from that country to America, and settled in Frenchtown, Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and brought their daughter with them when she was but ten years of age. Mr. Bedaux was a weaver and lived on a farm near Frenchtown. His ancestors were Catholics in their own country. To Mr. and Mrs. Moyes have been born five children, as follows: 1. Cora, died at the age of twenty-three years. 2. Ada, now Mrs. Charles Detlefts. 3. William, died when but two years of age. 4. L. Pearl, a teacher in the Sharpsburg public school. 5. Isala E., who lives at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Moyes are members of the Presbyterian Church, and are rearing their children in that persuasion.

WINTER

Among the representative citizens of Pittsburgh, whose successful careers have been the result of ability, both natural and acquired, of perseverance and determination to succeed, must be mentioned Henry Winter, a man well known in his community, honored and respected by all who know him for his sterling integrity of character.

John Winter, father of Henry Winter, was born in the town of Winder-Saben, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, March 3, 1825, his parents also natives of the same place where they lived and died, his father being a

veterinary surgeon. John Winter grew to maturity in his native land, received his education and learned the trade of blacksmith; he was very strong physically. In 1851, having decided to try his fortune in the New World, he accordingly emigrated to this country, settling in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he worked on the coal boats plying between Pittsburgh and New Orleans. In 1854 he sent for his sweetheart whom he had left in Germany, and they were married in Pittsburgh, taking up their residence on the South Side, on Twelfth street, near the Ferry. Mr. Winter then secured employment as a blacksmith in Lloyd's Steel Mill, and later worked in Wharton's Mill, Woods Nut Factory on Fourth avenue, where he was employed for fifteen years as a blacksmith. For three years prior to his death, which occurred January 18, 1891, he was retired from active pursuits. He and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church in their younger days, later affiliating with the German Evangelical Church. His wife, Anna Marea (Schaffer) Winter, born in town of Rinderbugen, Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, in 1828, died in 1894. Her parents were born, lived and died in Germany, residing near the town of Ober-Semen, her father being a sheep stockman. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Winter: 1. Henry, of whom further. 2. Henrietta, deceased, was wife of Christ Albitz, of South Side. 3. John, a glass worker, resides on Sixteenth street, South Side. 4. Mary, married Theodore Steineke, a carpenter, resides on Jane street, South Side. 5. Charles, a tool-keeper in a glass factory. 6. William, a carpenter, resides in Carrick.

Henry Winter was born on South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1856. He attended the Tenth street Bedford public school on the South Side, completing his studies at the age of eleven years, when he began work in the old McKee Glass House, remaining there until he was sixteen years of age, where he worked as a helper under his father at Wood's Nut Factory, remaining for two years. He then secured work in Schaffer's Wagon Works, and at the expiration of six months accepted a position in the Locomotive Works at Hatfield, Pennsylvania. His next position was as tool-maker for the firm of Kline & Logan, where he remained for two years, and the following year he worked at the McBeth Glass House. He then entered the employ of Woods-Lloyds Company, serving at first as blacksmith and later as a gas engine compressor, remaining with them for a number of years. In 1904 he purchased a strip of real estate in Mount Oliver borough, upon which he erected dwelling houses, renting the same, from which he receives a substantial income, and he is also the owner of considerable property in Jeannette, Pennsylvania. Being a skilled mechanic, an expert in various lines, he was able to perform the work himself, thus insuring thorough workmanship. In 1887 he erected a residence for himself at No. 164 Arlington avenue, South Side, where he has since resided. He is a director in the South Side Mutual Progressive Building and Loan Association, a Republican in politics, and he and his wife are members of the German Evangelical Church.

Mr. Winter married, May 4, 1881, Hannah E. Baumbach, born on South Side, Pittsburgh, daughter of Charles and Linda (Beyer) Baumbach, natives of Bavaria. Charles Baumbach came to the United States with his parents from Saxony when he was thirteen years of age, learned the trade of shoemaker, was later a saddler, and during the Civil War performed some work at his trade for the United States government; he lived on South Side, Pittsburgh; his wife came to the United States at eighteen years of age; they were members of the Lutheran Church; he is deceased, but she is living at the present time (1914). Mr. and Mrs. Winter are the parents of eleven children: 1. Catherine K., born July 26, 1882; married Charles Campbell, a tower operator on the Pittsburgh, Lisbon & Western Railroad; resides on Fremont street, Mount Oliver, Pennsylvania. 2. Annie, born January 12, 1884, died August 14, 1886. 3. John, born November 22, 1885; a pattern maker; married Stella Ohlnhausen; resides at Bon Air, a part of Pittsburgh. 4. Adolph W., born November 16, 1887; a steel and copper plate engraver; married Janet Brown; resides in Mount Oliver, Pennsylvania. 5. Charles F., born September 22, 1889; a mail carrier; resides at home. 6. Elizabeth L., born April 24, 1892, died September 19, 1901. 7. Henry, born September 24, 1894. 8. Herbert B., born September 27, 1896. 9. Johanna E. A., born December 22, 1898; a student in high school. 10. Gilbert Louis, born August 19, 1900; a student in high school. 11. Elmer Chester, born April 30, 1903.

WELCH

Dr. Harry James Welch, son of a family native to Washington county, Pennsylvania, has made Allegheny county the scene of his active professional labors. The former county has been the home of the family for at least three generations.

(II) Abel Welch, son of James Welch, and grandfather of Dr. Welch, owned a farm about one hundred and fifty acres in extent, in Washington county. He was a Republican in political belief and with his family was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He married and had an only child: James Hutchinson, of whom further.

(III) James Hutchinson Welch, only child of Abel Welch, was born near West Alexander, Washington county, Pennsylvania, June 22, 1838, and died April 26, 1909. When he was a lad six years of age his father moved from the farm near West Alexander to another property he had purchased in Independence township, Washington county, and here James Hutchinson Welch grew to mature years, in his youth attending the public schools. Upon his father's death he inherited a part of the home farm, later buying the interests of two of his co-heirs, subsequently adding to this by purchase, until at the time of his death he held title to more than four hundred acres in that vicinity. This he farmed, maintaining a generous share as pasture, where early in life he raised large numbers of sheep, an occupation at that time as profitable as agricultural pursuits. Strongly Republican, he was prominent in public affairs, and served as school director and as justice of

the peace, holding the latter office for a period of twenty-one years. For nearly forty years he was a member of the session of the United Presbyterian Church, carefully ordering his life in accordance with the tenets of his faith. He married Sarah Jane, born in Independence township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in December, 1840, died April 20, 1913, daughter of Samuel Gibson, her parents both natives of Washington county, where the Gibson family had been resident for generations. Samuel Gibson was a farmer in Independence township, retiring as old age approached and moving to Savannah, Ashland county, Ohio, his home until his death. The family were members of the United Presbyterian Church. Children of Samuel Gibson: 1. Nancy, married Thomas Zigler, and moved from Washington county, Pennsylvania, to Ashland county, Ohio. 2. Sarah Jane, of previous mention, married James Hutchinson Welch. 3. Hattie, married Henderson Orr, deceased, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, and lives in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. 4. John F., a physician of Cleveland, Ohio. Children of James Hutchinson and Sarah Jane (Gibson) Welch: 1. Eva, died in March, 1913, married Elmer Gregg, and lived on a farm in Ashland county, Ohio. 2. Lella, married John N. Grimes, a liveryman of West Alexander, Pennsylvania, formerly proprietor of a dairy. 3. Hattie, married William C. Carmen, a deputy revenue collector. Their home is in Ingram, Pennsylvania. 4. Samuel Johnston, an insurance and real estate dealer of McKee's Rocks, Pennsylvania, married Lulu Reed. 5. Mary, unmarried, resides in Ingram, Pennsylvania. 6. Gertrude, unmarried, lives with her sister, Mary, in Ingram, Pennsylvania. 7. Maud, married John Hodson, a butcher, of Houston, Pennsylvania. 8. Harry James, of whom further. 9. Valeria, unmarried, lives in Ingram, Pennsylvania, with her sisters, Mary and Gertrude. 10. John R., a physician of Columbus, Ohio, married Evelyn Bigger.

(IV) Harry James Welch, son of James Hutchinson and Sarah Jane (Gibson) Welch, was born in Independence township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, August 30, 1876, and was there a student in the public schools, spending his youth on the home farm. He later attended the Indiana and California State Normal Schools, then returning to the farm was there employed for a short time, afterward accepting and holding for about two years a position as clerk in T. J. Adamson's store, at Independence, Pennsylvania. In October, 1902, he entered the dental school of the University of Pittsburgh, whence he was graduated D.D.S. in 1905, having in that institution been chosen a member of the Psi Omega dental fraternity. Since August 3, 1905, he has been a practitioner in Ingram, Pennsylvania, where, through dint of diligent application to his profession and a splendid knowledge thereof, he has arrived at a commanding position in the dental profession. He holds membership in the Pennsylvania State Dental Association and the Odontological Dental Society, of Pittsburgh. His fraternal society is the Masonic, in which he belongs to Crafton Lodge, No. 653, Free and Accepted Masons; Cyrus Chapter, No. 26, Royal Arch Masons; Chartiers Command-

ery, No. 78, of Carnegie, Pennsylvania, Knights Templar; and the Pennsylvania Consistory, of Pittsburgh. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church, of Ingram. Socially, fraternally, and professionally, Dr. Welch has been cordially received, and the closer acquaintance of a ten years' contact with him in these walks of life has but fastened him more firmly in the consideration and affection of the many friends he has made in that time.

He married, August 19, 1909, Vera G., born in Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side), Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, daughter of George Hale and Emma (Thompson) Getty, residents of New Wilmington, Pennsylvania. Her father was a member of the ministry of the United Presbyterian church until failing health compelled his resignation therefrom, his present calling being that of state bank examiner. Children of Dr. Harry James and Vera G. (Getty) Welch: 1. Virginia, born November 27, 1910. 2. Gretchen, born December 25, 1912.

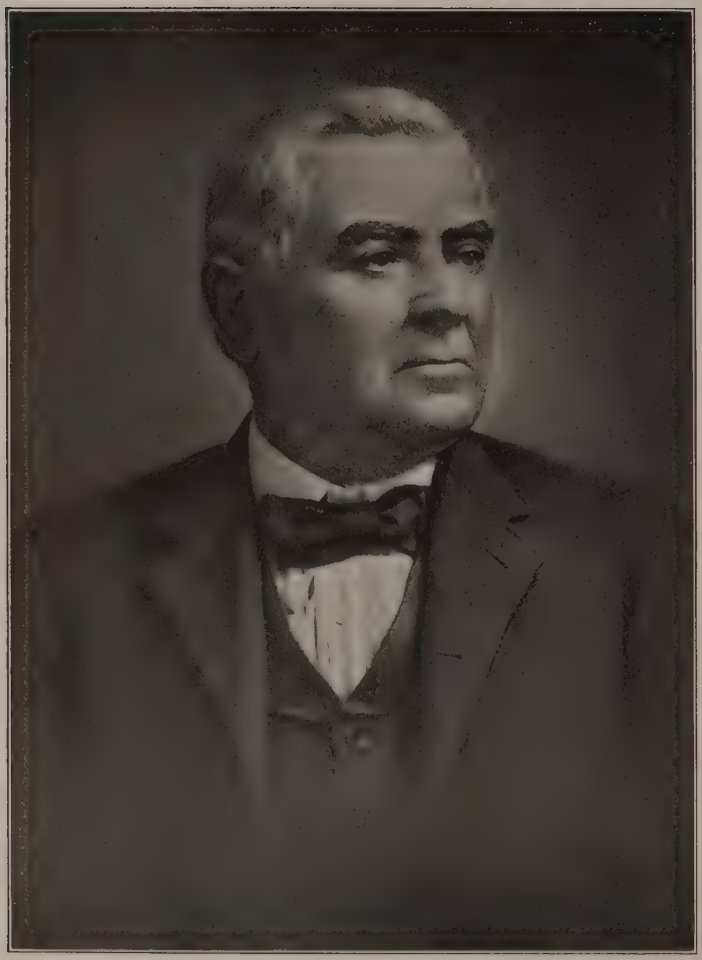
WALTER

The Old Dominion is the state that gave to Pennsylvania this line of Walters, Philip Walter, a native of that state, coming thence with his wife, also born there, to Beaver Run, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer by occupation, cultivating two hundred acres of land, and also profited by teaming from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh, using a Conestoga wagon of the old type to carry his loads. His industry brought him gratifying financial returns, and at his death, aged about sixty-two years, the fruits of his active life were the goodly inheritance he bequeathed to his family. He married Catherine Trout, and had children: 1. John, died retired in Westmoreland county, a farmer, stock-raiser, and axe manufacturer. 2. Balzer, a farmer, died in Indiana county, Pennsylvania. 3. Peggy, married William Shafer, and died in Indiana county, Pennsylvania. 4. David, of whom further. 5. Jacob, a farmer, died in Clarion county, Pennsylvania. 6. George, died on the Walter homestead in 1912. 7. Catherine, lives unmarried on the homestead, an invalid. 8. Susan, deceased; married Michael Dewalt.

(II) David Walter, son of Philip and Catherine (Trout) Walter, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1814, died in Tennessee. After his marriage he made his home in his native county, and was successively engaged as a blacksmith, merchant, and produce dealer. In 1870 he purchased a large tract of land in the coffee district of Tennessee, where his death took place. His wife returned to Pennsylvania, and lived until her death with a daughter, Nancy Jane (Mrs. William Alcorn). Mr. Walter was deeply interested in national politics, and that he was open to conviction as to the merits of an opponent's belief is shown by his change of party allegiance, he having first been a Democrat, then an Abolitionist, and finally a Republican. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church, and at his death he held a position upon the board of trustees of Manchester College, Tennessee. His fraternal society was the

Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, Dorcas, born in Westmoreland county in 1811, died in Pennsylvania, daughter of David Carnahan, her father, of Irish descent, a native of eastern Pennsylvania. He was a farmer, he and his brother, John, being early settlers in Perryville, Westmoreland county, where he held title to considerable property. David Carnahan was the father of: 1. John, a farmer, moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio and there died. 2. Dorcas, of previous mention, married David Walter. 3. Robert, married and died in young manhood in Westmoreland county. 4. George, a school teacher, died in young manhood. 5. Mary, died unmarried in young womanhood. 6. Jane, married Andrew Blair and died near Apollo, Westmoreland county. Children of David and Dorcas (Carnahan) Walter: 1. Philip, a farmer, died in Tennessee. 2. Nancy Jane, married William Alcorn and lives in Westmoreland county. 3. David C., a farmer of Westmoreland county. 4. Labanna H., of whom further. 5. Melvina, married Christian Williamson, and lives near Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

(III) Labanna H. Walter, son of David and Dorcas (Carnahan) Walter, was born in Washington township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1844, and there attended the public schools. In September, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, Fifteenth Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was a member of that company until the final declaration of peace, participating in several hard-fought engagements without receiving a wound of any kind. For the fifteen years following the war he engaged in work at the blacksmith's trade in Westmoreland and Armstrong counties, in the fall of 1882 moving to Mansfield (now Carnegie), where he has since made his home. His beginning in business in this place was as the employee of several real estate dealers, a line in which he later established independently, continuing with marked success until the present time. Mr. Walter has gained a permanent reputation in Carnegie as a keen and forceful business man, his work having brought not only profit and reputation to him but benefit to Carnegie. His real estate operations do not occupy his entire time, for he is the representative of some of the leading insurance companies of the country, among them the Girard, of Philadelphia; the Farmers', of York, Pennsylvania; the Allemannia, of Pittsburgh; the Niagara, of New York; the New Hampshire, of Manchester, New Hampshire; the Delaware Underwriters', of Westchester, Pennsylvania; and the Royal, of Liverpool. He is a charter member and an organizer of the Anchor Building and Loan Association, and has been an officer thereof since its formation twenty-seven years ago, having filled all of the official positions and is at the present time serving as treasurer. His name in connection with a business enterprise in the Carnegie district is at once a proof of its reliability and his confidence in the project, for throughout his entire business career he has jealously guarded himself from even the appearance of a slight deviation from a course of the strictest regularity in all of his dealings, a fact that has more than once counted in his favor. In political matters he has never



Evan Beedle

taken active part, casting his ballot with the Republican party. With his wife he is a member of the Presbyterian church, and in the organization of that body has held all of the offices, serving at this time (1914) as elder. He belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic and to the Royal Arcanum.

Mr. Walter married, March 15, 1870, Anna Mary, born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Calhoun) Thorne, her father a native of Butler county, her mother born in Westmoreland county. Robert Thorne was a school teacher, and died while principal of the Kittanning schools, his widow marrying (second) Zachariah Phillips. Children of Labanna H. and Anna Mary (Thorne) Walter: 1. John T., lives with his parents, unmarried. 2. David J., lives at home, unmarried, associated in business with his father.

BEEDLE

This name appears in different forms in the early settlement of the colonies, the most usual of which was Beedle. It was also often found as Bedell, which has since been borne by many citizens active and skillful in the professions, and in the arts of peace and war. In early records the name is variously spelled as Baetle, Beedle, Bedle, Beadle, Bedell and Bedel, all undoubtedly having had a common origin. The family under discussion here is one of more recent advent in this country, but they have already proved their worth as citizens.

Edward Beedle was born in Wales and spent his entire life in that country. He was a farm worker and made yearly trips to England, working there in the harvest season regularly. He married Margaret Humphries, also a native of Wales, and they had a large family, of whom was Evan, of further mention, and Stephen, who emigrated to the United States, and located at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was the proprietor of a hotel, the House at Home, at the corner of Grant and Water streets. He died in Pittsburgh.

Evan Beedle, son of Edward and Margaret (Humphries) Beedle, was born in Wales, February 4, 1834, died April 10, 1913. He emigrated to America at the same time as his brother Stephen, and in 1868 located at Jones Station, on the State pike, Jefferson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. There he built a general store with the management of which he was identified until shortly before his death, when ill health compelled him to retire. In addition to this he carried on several other enterprises at the same time. Since his death his widow has carried on the business very successfully, in fact, she had practically had charge of it for some time prior to this sad event. He was but sixteen years of age when he left his native land, lived but a short time in Pittsburgh, and then went to McKeesport, where he was employed about the coal mines and tipples. Later he made several trips down the Ohio river with coal boats for Louisville, Kentucky, and being thrifty and economical, saved a considerable amount of money. Just before going upon one of these trips he loaned one thousand dollars to a McKeesport coal operator, and upon his

return one year later, the loan was repaid with interest at seven per cent. Mr. Beedle had expected only the return of the capital, but with this added sum and what he had already possessed he commenced investing in coal property on the Monongahela river, and was very successful. He was associated with Alexander Dempster, Allen Kirkpatrick and A. M. Scott for many years, all of Pittsburgh, in the operation of the Hilldale and Coal Bluff Mines, and afterward sold these to the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal & Coke Company, at which time Mr. Beedle retired from coal operation activities. He was greatly interested in the subject of Welsh music, especially vocal, and rarely missed any of their large song festivals. At the time of his death he was a director of the First National Bank of West Elizabeth, and was the owner of a considerable quantity of real estate in Homestead, McKeesport, Duquesne, and in Jefferson township. Two years prior to his death he was injured by a bull which had escaped from a field near his home, and his death was indirectly a result of these injuries, he being unable to leave his home for two months before his death. He was a strong supporter of the Republican party, but never desired to hold public office. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Beedle married, in January, 1858, Sarah Ann Hodgson, born on South Side, Pittsburgh, near Mount Oliver, June 12, 1840, a daughter of William and Charlotte (Watson) Hodgson, the former born in Derbyshire, England, the latter in Lancashire, England. Mrs. Hodgson came to Pittsburgh with her parents when she was twelve years of age, and her husband came to the United States and settled in Pittsburgh when he was thirty-five years old. He was a coal operator along the Monongahela river at three different mines, and died at the age of eighty-five years, while his wife died at the age of sixty-five. They had children: 1. Sarah Ann, mentioned above. 2. Clementine, married James Mort, now both deceased. 3. William, died of typhoid fever at the age of twenty-three years. 4. Aaron, died at the age of nineteen years. 5. Mary Jane, married Dr. Charles Black, of McKeesport. Mr. and Mrs. Beedle have had children: 1. William, retired from business, lives at Elrama, Pennsylvania; married Appelonia Stilley. 2. Edward W., engaged in the real estate and insurance business at West Elizabeth. 3. Stephen, engaged in the real estate business at Homestead, Pennsylvania. 4. Henry, a riverman, living at Jones Station; married May Sheible. 5. John Madison, a boss in a steel mill, lives at Blair, Pennsylvania. 6. Evan Jr., unmarried. 7. Sarah Ann, married Roland Latta, lives in McKeesport. 8. Charlotte, married George Maurer, lives in Blair, Pennsylvania. 9. Margaret, married E. P. Jones, lives at Jones Station, where he is a pure food inspector. The family are Presbyterians.

SPEER

James Speer, who founded the American branch of the Scotch Speer family, came from Scotland in 1750 and settled in Maryland, where he lived until 1764, when he came to Pennsylvania and purchased the farm in Stowe township (now Kennedy), Allegheny

county, where some of his descendants still live. He had four sons and three daughters.

(II) James (2) Speer, son of James (1) Speer, was born in Maryland, 1754. He owned a large farm in Robinson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He married Mary, daughter of Roly and Nancy Boyd. James and Mary Speer had thirteen children, among whom were: 1. Roland, a farmer of Moon township. 2. James, a farmer of Robinson township. 3. Robert, a farmer of Moon township, married Sarah Simpson. 4. John, of further mention. 5. Ann, married Jonathan Philips, and lived in Moon township. 6. Polly, married James Robinson, a carpenter and farmer. 7. Jane, married Daniel Ewing, a farmer of Robinson township. 8. Alexander, married Margaret ——— and lived in Pittsburgh. 9. Agnes, married John Ritchie, and lived in Pittsburgh. James Speer died in 1847, and his wife died in 1859.

(III) John Speer, fourth son of John (2) and Mary (Boyd) Speer, was born on the Speer farm in Robinson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1817, died March 9, 1903. He there grew to manhood, inheriting a part of his father's farm, on which he spent his life. To this he added by purchase and on his land built a substantial brick farm house that is yet standing and in use. He conducted general farming operations and prospered in all his undertakings. He was a Republican in politics, served the town as assessor, and was a member of Forest Grove Presbyterian Church. He married Sarah King McCoy, born on the McCoy homestead on Chartier's Creek, March 21, 1828, died February 8, 1911, eldest daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Wilson) McCoy, granddaughter of Thomas and Jane McCoy, who came from county Antrim, Ireland, in 1790, settling in Robinson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and maternal granddaughter of James Craig and Nancy Wilson, early settlers in Moon township (see McCoy). Children of John and Sarah King (McCoy) Speer: 1. Vienna S., born April 29, 1854; married, October 5, 1875, George Magnus, and they lived at Palmerville, Robinson township, for some years, where he was a wagon builder; they moved to Coraopolis, where he continued carriage and wagon building until his death, June 23, 1900; Mrs. Magnus and her children, six daughters and one son, moved to Wilkinsburg, where she made her home the remainder of her days; she died April 26, 1906; her mother accompanied her to Wilkinsburg and there lived until her death February 8, 1911. 2. Elvader K., of further mention. 3. Wilson B., worked at the home farm and there died October 19, 1898, unmarried.

(IV) Elvader King Speer, eldest son of John and Sarah King (McCoy) Speer, was born on the old James Speer farm, now Kennedy, then Robinson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1856. He attended the "Clever" District School and remained at the home farm managing the property until his father's death. His sister, Mrs. Magnus, inherited half of the home farm, Elvader K. the other half, they being the only living children of their parents, and he also inherited the West Park farm which his mother inherited as her share of the McCoy estate. In 1907 Mr. Speer

erected a modern frame residence on the bluff back of West Park, which has ever since been his home. He is a Republican in politics and for past eight years has served Kennedy township as collector of taxes. For the past thirteen years he has held the office of elder of Forest Grove Presbyterian Church, his wife also being a communicant of that faith.

Mr. Speer married, June 12, 1907, Stella Stoddard, born in Moon township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Andrew L. and Catherine (Scott) Stoddard, both also born in Moon township. Andrew L. Stoddard was born on the Stoddard homestead, March 11, 1835, died December 15, 1911. He was a farmer all his life, school director, Republican, and with his wife belonged to the Presbyterian Church. He was a veteran of the Civil War, seeing three years of hard service with Company C, One Hundred and Second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Catherine (Scott) Stoddard, his wife, was born on the Montour Creek farm of her parents, March 12, 1838, died January 20, 1912. Children: 1. Charles, now living in Kansas. 2. Stella, married Elvader K. Speer, of previous mention. 3. Lena, married Frank S. Rowe, and resides in Crafton, Pennsylvania. Andrew L. Stoddard was a son of Robert and Margaret (Crooks) Stoddard, Robert also born in Moon township, their families being the early settlers of that township. Catherine Scott was a daughter of Joseph and Mary (McCormick) Scott, the former born in county Down, Ireland, brought when a lad to this country by his parents and became the owner of a farm of three hundred acres and of a large fulling mill standing on his farm. Mary McCormick was born in Moon township, the only daughter of her parents. Children of Elvader K. and Stella (Stoddard) Speer: 1. John Orin, born May 26, 1908. 2. Lucille, born October 31, 1910. 3. A twin with Lucille, died at birth. 4. Donald, born March 13, 1912.

RUCKER

Frederick Rucker, of Bellevue, Pennsylvania, descends from a long line of German ancestors and is himself a native of Germany. He was born July 24, 1858, in Fagstheim on the Fagst, Upper District of Khreilsheim, Kingdom of Wuerttemberg, situated three hundred and thirty-eight miles northwest of Berlin on the Pregel river. It was at Wuerttemberg, in the Lutheran Palace Church, that Frederick I., the first monarch of Wuerttemberg, who bore the title of King, placed the royal crown on his head in 1701 and here also William I. was crowned. The city is an important one and now contains over two hundred thousand population. Frederick (2) Rucker is a son of Frederick (1) and Mary Rucker (German spelling being Riecker), his father a farmer who lived and died in Germany. Children: 1. Frederick, of further mention. 2. Magdalena, married Michael Brooker, of Butler county, Pennsylvania. 3. George, died in Baltimore, Maryland, aged nineteen years. 4. Conrad and wife, Elizabeth, now residing in the state of Ohio. 5. Mary, married Adam Philips, a contractor and builder of Pittsburgh North Side. 6. Caroline, married a Mr. Hohll, and lives in Germany.

Frederick (2) Rucker was educated in excellent German schools, and under the law of compulsory military service served his allotted time in the German army. After leaving the army he engaged in farming until he came to the United States, locating in Baltimore, Maryland, where he remained two years. He then came to Western Pennsylvania, locating in Allegheny City, where for two years he worked as a quarryman, then became a teamster and for seven years was so engaged. In 1892 he purchased his present farm of fifty acres in Ohio township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, near Bellevue, where he has since been engaged in farming, market gardening and teaming. He married, soon after coming to the United States, Mary Stocker, and with nothing but German thrift and pluck to start with, they have earned a good farm and comfortable home. They are members of St. James Lutheran Church, and in politics Mr. Rucker is a Republican. Children: 1. Rosa, born February 21, 1881, married Charles Sellhouse. 2. Mary, born February 11, 1884, married John Knox. 3. Frederick, born April 30, 1889. 4. Kathryn, born November 30, 1891. 5. Anna, born May 26, 1894. 6. William, born July 10, 1896. 7. Charles, born June 26, 1898.

RILEY

The old Riley farm in Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, was originally owned by John Riley, grandfather of Walter W. Riley, the present owner, one of the prosperous farmers of the township. John Riley, of Irish parentage, married Jane Grossman, and had issue: Mary, born December 7, 1835; Jane, April 8, 1838; William H. H., of further mention; Lovina, born April 18 1842; Hannah, May 10, 1844; Washington W., November 25, 1846; David E., May 16, 1849.

(II) William H. H. Riley, son of John and Jane (Grossman) Riley, was born on the old Riley farm in Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1840, died May 8, 1899. He attended public schools, was his father's assistant for many years and finally became owner of the property containing one hundred and sixty acres of fertile land. The house was erected by John Riley, but all other buildings were erected by William H. H. Riley. He prospered in business and was one of the influential men of his day, serving as justice of the peace, assessor and school director. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, serving for many years as trustee. He married Fanny Morrow, who survived him until November 21, 1912, daughter of William Morrow. Children: Annie May, born August 28, 1867, married Lynn Vandevort; Walter W., of further mention.

(III) Walter W. Riley, only son of William H. H. and Fanny (Morrow) Riley, was born on the old Riley farm, in Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, that he now owns, September 2, 1869. He attended public schools and remained at home, his father's assistant, until in youthful manhood he located on an adjoining farm. He only remained there three and a half years, then returned to the home farm, containing

one hundred and twenty acres, which with that exception has always been his home. He is an elder of the Presbyterian Church, a Republican in politics, and has served as township auditor. Mr. Riley married Leolphy Parks, born on Pittsburgh South Side, August 20, 1872, daughter of Samuel and Mary Jane (Wright) Parks, whose children were Leolphy, Volney Etoile, Tellus R. J., died in infancy, Everson Edgar, William Wellington, died May 1, 1913. Children of Walter W. and Leolphy (Parks) Riley: Elda May, born September 13, 1897; William Herbert, February 10, 1900; Fanny Myrtle, December 26, 1903; a son unnamed, January 29, 1906; Chester Harris, March 25, 1907; Iva Mary, June 26, 1909; Eulah Estella, May 4, 1912.

REDPATH

After an active life of seventy years spent in the peaceful life of a farmer, Baxter S. Redpath, of McCandless township, gives little evidence that he has spanned the years allotted to man by the Scriptures. From this seventy years of "peaceful life" must be deducted the three of warfare passed as a soldier of the Union, of hard service in which he fought in twenty-eight battles, coming through without a wound, although struck by several bullets, knocked down by one that struck his belt buckle, another that pierced his canteen, another that he picked out of his blanket roll and struck by several that passed through his clothing without injury to his body.

(I) Robert Redpath, grandfather of Baxter S. Redpath, came from Ireland to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1815, and became owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Franklin township. His wife, Elizabeth, whom he married in Ireland, resided on the Franklin township farm until death closed their labors. Children: John, Margaret, Robert.

(II) John Redpath, son of Robert and Elizabeth Redpath, was born in county Down, Ireland, in 1811, died in McCandless township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 22, 1869. He was four years of age when brought by his parents to Western Pennsylvania and there grew to manhood. His minority was spent in Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, his father's farm assistant, his latter years on his own farm of one hundred and thirty acres, which he purchased in McCandless township. He improved his farm by the erection of the buildings now in use and brought the land to a good, fertile condition. He was a member of the United Brethren Church, and was collector of taxes in Franklin township. He married, February 22, 1838, Mary Hamilton, born in 1811, died April 7, 1891, daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth Hamilton. Children: 1. Sarah Ann, born December 28, 1838, married David Reel. 2. Robert, born August 22, 1840, died in the Union army, a private of Company I, Sixty-first Regiment Volunteer Infantry; unmarried. 3. Baxter S., of further mention. 4. Ellis, born May 22, 1846; married Adelaide Allen. 5. Leonidas, born November 20, 1847; married Etta Reese. 6. Margaret Elizabeth, born February 6, 1851; never married. 7. Newton H., born

September 17, 1853; married Nettie ——. 8. Emma, born November 21, 1856; married Charles T. Thompson.

(III) Baxter S. Redpath, second son of John and Mary (Hamilton) Redpath, was born in McCandless township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 19, 1844. He was educated in public schools of the township, and worked at the home farm until 1862, when he enlisted in Company F, One Hundred and Thirty-ninth Regiment Pennsylvania Infantry, serving three years. He saw hard service with the Army of the Potomac, being engaged in twenty-eight different battles. At Cold Harbor, a ball struck his belt buckle, knocking him down. He did not relish the thought of confinement in a Southern prison and resolved to make a break for liberty. He used his heels to good purpose and gained a good start, then the guard began firing on him. One bullet passed through his canteen and another struck his blanket that was strapped between his shoulders, passing about half way to the flesh. But he escaped without a wound and rejoined his regiment. After his safe return from the war he became a general farmer and one of the successful men of the township. He is also president of the McCandless Township Mutual Fire Insurance Comanpy. He is a member of Highland Presbyterian Church. He married Anna E. Kennedy, born December 13, 1847. Children of Baxter S. and Anna E. Redpath: 1. Nancy Mary, married Lee Herbert and has a daughter, Anna, married James Smith and has a son, Baxter S. Smith. 2. Lida, married William Groah; children: Gladys, Leo Bird, Milo, Pinerva, Mildred. 3. Newton H., married Mary McKinney; children: Beulah, Blanche, Ellis W.

BOSSERT

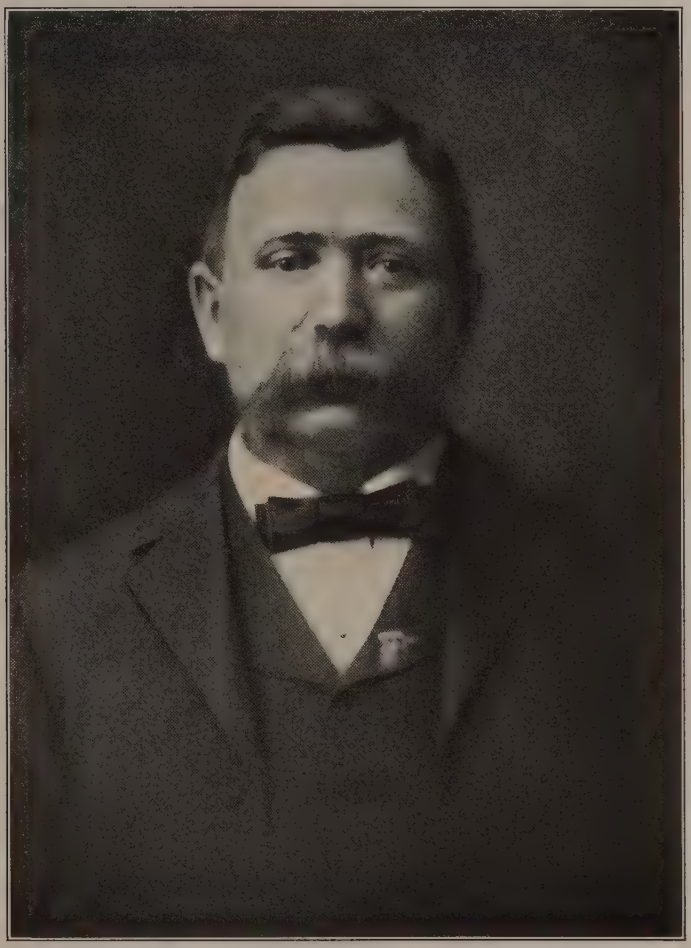
The Bossert family came to this country from Alsace-Lorraine, and they combine with the grace and versatility of the French the progressive methods of the Americans to excellent effect.

Matthew Bossert was born in Alsace, France, February 27, 1807, died at Homestead, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in September, 1886. He came to America in 1839 with his wife and one daughter, and settled in Little Falls, New York. He had been a weaver by trade in his native country, and his wife had assisted him in this occupation. In Little Falls he worked in the paper mills until 1846, when he removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and found employment in a glass house, first as a mixer and later as a melter, and held this position until old age obliged him to abandon it. He then occupied himself with driving a water wagon, delivering water to people at twelve cents per barrel. He had been a soldier in France for six years, and served his country bravely. He and his wife were members of St. Michael's Catholic Church, and he was also a member of St. Michael's Society. He married, in Alsace, Anna Mary Hirsch, born November 2, 1808, died in May, 1877, and they had children: Barbara, born in Alsace in 1837, is now the widow of Michael Krebs, and residing in New Bedford, Massachusetts; Valentine, of further mention; Caroline, widow of George

Werline, lives in Homestead; Charles, a glass worker, died in Homestead; John, also a glass worker, died in Homestead; five who died in infancy.

Valentine Bossert, son of Matthew and Anna Mary (Hirsch) Bossert, was born at Little Falls, Herkimer county, New York, August 23, 1839. He had but limited opportunities for acquiring an education, as he attended the public schools only until he was nine years of age. He then commenced working in the glass plant of Bryce Brothers, on South Side, Pittsburgh, and when this company moved to Homestead in 1880 he went with them, continuing to work for them until seven years prior to his death, in all about forty-seven years, a record creditable alike to employer and employed. He had held the position of foreman many years, and was considered an especially skilled workman. When he retired from active work he made his home at No. 123 Fourth avenue, Homestead, residing there until his death, November 8, 1910. He was a strong supporter of the Democratic party, and he and his wife were members of the Roman Catholic Church. He was a member of the Knights of St. George; member and manager of the Turner Society; and treasurer of Glassmakers' Union, No. 65.

Mr. Bossert married, October 8, 1863, Margaret Denk, born in Prussia, Germany, May 1, 1844, daughter of Michael and Margaret (Peter) Denk, who came to this country from Prussia in 1847 and located on South Side, Pittsburgh. Mr. Denk had been a glass worker in Germany, but here he became a mine worker, and died in Port Perry in 1854. Mrs. Denk died in 1887. Both were members of the Catholic Church, and had children: John, manager of a glass plant, died in Pittsburgh; Margaret, mentioned above; Catherine, widow of Henry Strodmeyer, lives at Franklin, Pennsylvania; Alexander, a jeweler, died in Pittsburgh; Sophia, widow of Jacob Berger, lives in Franklin, Pennsylvania; Mary, died at the age of twelve years. Mrs. Margaret (Denk) Bossert was educated in the public and parochial schools. In 1885 she, on her own initiative, started a grocery store and bakery in the front part of the house in which she lived, and this proved such a successful venture, that in 1892 the front of the house was remodeled for store purposes, and she has conducted this business ever since that time. She is a woman of unusual business ability and energy, and richly deserves the success she has achieved. Mr. and Mrs. Bossert have had children: Valentine Matthew, unmarried, is associated with his mother in the conduct of the business; Anna Mary, died at the age of fifteen years; Margaret, married Gustav H. Dietrich, and lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma; John, a painter, lives at Whittaker, married Emma Merchant, of Watertown, N. Y.; Alexander, died at the age of six years; Ida, married John Heuer, lives in Homestead; Helen, married James Treloar, lives in Homestead; Emma, married John Bendell, lives in Homestead Park; Loretta, married John Cosgrove, lives in Homestead; Mark, a street car conductor, lives at Beechview, married Elizabeth Wells, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Bossert has twenty-one grandchildren.



Valentine Bossert

McCAGUE

The first of the Irish family of McCague to receive mention in this line is Edward McCague, who was a resident of county Roscommon, Ireland. He was a Catholic and reared a large family in that faith, one of his sons, James, becoming a priest of the Roman Catholic Church, and of another, John, further mention is made.

(II) John McCague, son of Edward McCague, passed his life as a farmer, owning land in county Galway, where he died in young manhood. He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church. Four children survived him, one, Edward, the youngest, of further mention.

(III) Edward McCague, son of John McCague, was born in county Galway, Ireland, where he died, aged sixty-eight years. He was a farmer by occupation, and for many years was manager of an estate. He and his wife were members of the Roman Catholic Church. He married Sarah O'Donnelly, who died aged ninety-eight years, daughter of a physician well and favorably known in that day. Among the children of Edward and Sarah (O'Donnelly) McCague was John, of whom further.

(IV) John (2) McCague, son of Edward and Sarah (O'Donnelly) McCague, was born in county Galway, Ireland, June 21, 1819, died in February, 1903. He grew to manhood on the farm in county Galway, and there married, continuing to work on the farm until, in 1845, he moved to Derbyshire, England; some years later he moved to Yorkshire, England. He retired from active business in 1886, imigrating to the United States, his death occurring in Homestead, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. His wife died in England; both were members of the Roman Catholic Church. He married Catherine, born in county Galway, Ireland, in 1823, died July 17, 1870, daughter of Patrick and Catherine (Tireman) Gilligan, both of whom lived and died in county Galway, Ireland. Children of John and Catherine (Gilligan) McCague: 1. Sarah, married Owen Morgan, deceased, and resided for a time in Pittsburgh; she is now a resident of Brownsville avenue, of that city. 2. Mary, married John Snee, a farmer and contractor, and lives in Springfield, Ohio. 3. Elizabeth, unmarried, lives in Springfield, Ohio, with her sister, Mary. 4. Edward, died in England, aged sixteen years. 5. John, of whom further. 6. James J., of whom further. 7. Patrick, died in infancy. 8. Margaret, died in infancy.

(V) John (3) McCague, son of John (2) and Catherine (Gilligan) McCague, was born in Yorkshire, England, obtaining his education in the parochial school of that place, at an early age beginning work in the iron and steel mills in the vicinity of his home. For twelve years he was employed by the Charles Campbell Company, of Sheffield, in the plant at Pennystone. In 1886 he immigrated to the United States, and upon coming to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was for six months employed by the Oliver Steel Company, in the fall of 1886 locating at Homestead, Pennsylvania, and beginning a connection with the Carnegie Steel Company that endures to the present time. Mr. McCague's home is at No. 614 Twelfth avenue, Munhall, Pennsylvania. He belongs to St. Mary Magdalene Roman Catholic Church, of

Homestead. He married, June 29, 1879, Mary, born in Yorkshire, England, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Fuery) Callahan, both of Irish descent, her father having for many years been in both the British army and naval service.

(V) James J. McCague, son of John (2) and Catherine (Gilligan) McCague, was born in Rotherham, Yorkshire, England, and was there educated in the parochial school. He immigrated to the United States in 1884, settling in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was employed; later moved to Homestead, Pennsylvania, remaining in the employ of the same company in various capacities and was thus engaged until 1901. He is a member of the St. Mary Magdalene Roman Catholic Church, of Homestead, and affiliates with the Catholic Mutual Beneficial Association and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Mr. McCague married, February 3, 1891, Bridget, born in county Galway, Ireland, daughter of John and Bridget Joyce. Children of Mr. and Mrs. McCague: John F., Catherine, Raymond, Mary, Margaret, Dorothy, Irene, Grace, Edward, and James, died aged eight years.

LEARN

This name was formerly spelled Larner, but just when the change in form was made is not known. The family came from Holland to the north of England, from which country they came to America. They were among the very earliest settlers of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania.

(I) John Learn, and a brother, came from Philadelphia about 1750 and settled at a place now called Tannersville, in Monroe county, Pennsylvania. He purchased a large tract of land, and his house was located on the present site of Brown's Hotel. His children were: 1. George, of further mention. 2. Mary, born January 14, 1753. 3. Rachel, born August 22, 1754. 4. John, born May 17, 1756, remained in Monroe county until 1823, when he removed to Cattaraugus county, New York, to join his sons who had preceded him to that section, and his descendants are still residents of that county. 5. Jacob, born July 11, 1758, remained in Monroe county, where some of his descendants still reside, while others have gone to western states. 6. Catherine, born June 20, 1760. 7. Rebecca, born July 24, 1763. 8. Andrew, of further mention. 9. Peter, born February 8, 1767, with his sisters, settled in the Province of Ontario, Canada, and he there became a captain in the British army, and served during the War of 1812; in 1814 he was shot while on his horse, the evident purpose being robbery; his descendants may be found from Toronto to Alberta, while a few are now living in the United States. 10. Carey, born September 22, 1769.

(II) George Learn, the eldest child of John Learn, was born January 26, 1751, and was massacred by the Indians, July 3, 1781. He had built a house about a quarter of a mile distant from that of his father, and there he lived with his wife and two children. At the time of the massacre, his little son, John, was taken by an aunt, who escaped with him to the shelter of some bushes, where they remained concealed. A little dog followed them

from the house, and in order not to be betrayed by him, the aunt muffled his head in an apron she wore. The child lived to raise a large family and many of his descendants live in and around Ithaca and Geneva, New York. Prior to and during the Revolution a boat path led from Stroudsburg to Tannersville, along the banks of the Pocono Creek. Some time after the settlement of the Larner or Learn family at this point, a settler, while following this path, discovered the tracks of Indians about two miles away, and upon reaching Tannersville at once informed the family of John Larner, so that they might guard against a sudden attack of the red men. On the following day George Learn repaired to a field adjoining his home, and was engaged in mowing, when a band of Indians approached and placing themselves between their victim and his house, fired and wounded him. Securing a fence rail he then defended himself with great bravery, but was finally overpowered and killed while attempting to reach the house of his father. After scalping him they went to his house, secured his wife and child and carried them to the Pocono Mountains. The settlers started in pursuit as soon as they became aware of the facts, and when they reached the mountains they found the body of the child, which had been scalped. Not far off lay the mother, who had been butchered in the most inhuman fashion, portions of her body being suspended from nearby trees. John Learn, the father, heard the firing and approached to learn the cause, and upon seeing an Indian he fired upon him. This proved a fatal shot for himself, as it disclosed his presence and insured his speedy death. It is supposed that he killed the Indian at whom he fired, as a cap with a buckshot hole in it was found at the spot, but the body of the Indian had been removed by his companions.

(II) Andrew Learn, son of John Learn or Larner, was born November 30, 1764. After the massacre he removed to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, settling near Salina, on a farm now owned by John and Urias Learn, his grandsons. He married Susan Yockey, and had children: 1. John, born in 1785, died in 1858; he moved to the vicinity of Apollo in 1820, to Indiana county, Pennsylvania, in 1829, and there his death occurred; he married Elizabeth Ashbaugh, and they had eight sons and four daughters who grew to maturity, and all raised families. 2. Catherine, married George Wangaman. 3. Elizabeth, married George Best. 4. Mary, married John Ashbaugh. 5. Susan, married Barnabas Blose. 6. George, married Elizabeth Piper, and had children: John, who lives on a part of the old homestead; George, of Rifle, Colorado, was born December 10, 1853; Sarah, married Win Moore, deceased; Andrew, deceased, lived in Homestead; Rachel, married Simon Smail; Caroline, married James Alcorn; Susan, married Jacob Busch; Elizabeth, married Simon Bowman, of Greensburg. 7. Sarah, married Charles Weinel. 8. Barbara, married Hamilton Morton. 9. Rachel, married Jacob Bash. 10. Andrew, of further mention.

(III) Andrew (2) Learn, son of Andrew (1) and Elizabeth (Ashbaugh) Learn, was born about 1805, died about 1876. He married Fanny Piper, born in 1812, died October 12, 1895. She was descended from a

pioneer family of Saltsburg, Pennsylvania, and had a brother, Joseph Piper, who died at the age of ninety-nine years, and who had been at the time of his death, and for many years prior to that time, the mail carrier between Indiana and the town of Saltsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Learn were the parents of children: 1. Jacob P., born in 1834, died in 1890; he was a successful merchant of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he was the proprietor of the first large department store in the town; married Rachel King; children: Dewitt and Albert; wife and children are also deceased. 2. Susan, born in 1836, married Sanford Clawson, deceased; she lives in Avonmore, Pennsylvania. 3. Margaret J., born August 31, 1838, married Frank Wolford, deceased. 4. Urias M., born in 1841, lives on a part of the old Learn homestead near Salina; he has children: Elsie (Glass), Ida, Alice. 5. Andrew Carpenter, of further mention. 6. Mary Catharine, born April 17, 1847, lives with her sister, Mrs. Wolford. 7. Albert, born in 1852, died January 15, 1909; was a traveling salesman and oil operator; married Electa James; children: Gordon, deceased, and Harold, married Margaret Kirk. Andrew Learn was a member of the German Reformed Church.

(IV) Andrew Carpenter Learn, son of Andrew (2) and Fannie (Piper) Learn, was born at Meadowbrook Farm, Bell township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, January 18, 1845, died December 29, 1911, at the home of his son, Harry James Learn, at No. 212 Camp avenue, Braddock, Pennsylvania. His early years were passed on the farm, and when a young lad he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade. At the age of eighteen years he was one of the first to join in the rush to the oil fields at Oil City and Titusville, Pennsylvania, and there he became a tool dresser, and later an oil operator, by these means realizing a fortune. He then returned to Pittsburgh, and then established himself on an extensive scale as a blacksmith and wagon builder in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he was identified with this enterprise for about twenty years. He then sold his business and removed to Braddock, Pennsylvania, where he took charge of the blacksmith department in the Carnegie Steel Works, a position he filled until six years before his death, when he retired to private life. He and his wife were members of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Learn married, November 7, 1867, Anna Courson, born in New York City, in 1849, and left an orphan at a very early age. Her family name was Donahue, but she was adopted by a Mrs. Courson, who gave her her own name, and raised her in the Protestant faith. She had an only sister, Hannah, who was adopted by a family named Franey, and raised in the Catholic faith; she married George Sixsmith, a baker, and lives at No. 306 Amity avenue, Homestead, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Learn had children: 1. Harry James, of further mention. 2. Fannie May, died at the age of six years. 3. Margaret Edna, married John L. Colmery; lives in Salem, Ohio, where he is engaged in the real estate business. 4. Andrew Franklin, a clerk in the store of his brother, lives in Braddock; married Alice Shaffer; one child, Elmyra.

(V) Harry James Learn, son of Andrew Carpenter and Anna (Cour-

son) Learn, was born at McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October, 16, 1868. His education was acquired in the Market street schools, in his native town, and he was graduated from thence at the age of seventeen years, and since that time has been actively identified with business interests. He commenced as a clerk in the store of his uncle, J. P. Learn, who owned a large establishment in McKeesport, remaining there several years. During the next few years he was a clerk for several concerns, and in 1893 he established himself in the wall paper business at No. 873 Braddock avenue, Braddock, Pennsylvania. The following year he added a large stock of dry goods and these stocks are still the staples in which he deals, but on a greatly enlarged scale. The twenty odd years which have passed since he first established himself have made a wonderful change. He now has a magnificent store, with a stock worth upward of twenty-eight thousand dollars, and by his clean business methods, which have been combined with the necessary amount of progressiveness, he has built up an exceptionally fine trade. In 1900 he removed to No. 716 Braddock avenue, and this store was destroyed by fire in November, 1907. Mr. Learn at once had another fine brick building erected, and in November, 1908, took possession of the new place, which is equipped with everything that is to be found in an up-to-date establishment. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, which he has served as trustee three years. Among other business enterprises with which he is connected is the State Bank of Braddock, of which he is a director. His fraternal affiliation is as follows: Braddock Fields Lodge, No. 510, Free and Accepted Masons; Shiloh Chapter, No. 257, Royal Arch Masons; Lancard Commandery, Knights Templar; Pennsylvania Consistory, Scottish Rite; Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, having been a member of the Arab Patrol of this for fifteen years; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Royal Arcanum, both of Braddock, and Valetta Commandery, Knights of Malta.

Mr. Learn married, June 19, 1894, Jessie Pershing, born at Wellsburg, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Hugh H. and Elizabeth (Robertson) Pershing, both now deceased, the former of whom was a Methodist Episcopal preacher, and a veteran of the Civil War. Mrs. Learn died May 29, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. Learn had children: Annie Elizabeth, born May 16, 1896, a graduate in the Braddock High School, class 1914, and a member of class 1918 University of Pittsburgh; Ralph Stanley, born February 7, 1898, attends the Braddock High School, and is a member of the class of 1918.

LAWSON

This branch of the Lawson family of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, springs from James Lawson, born in Ireland, who when a young man, settled in Pittsburgh. After working in the city as a turner, he bought a farm of one hundred acres, in McCandless township, upon which he resided until death. He married Mary A. Nixon. Children: 1. Annice, married Oliver Powers. 2. James N., mar-

ried (first) Fannie Osburn, (second) Miss Fleming. 3. George A., of whom further.

George A. Lawson was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 24, 1848. He attended public schools and remained at the home farm until starting in for himself on the farm of fifty-seven and a half acres, he now owns in McCandless township, near Wildwood. He has improved his farm with buildings and orchards and has there passed a quiet life of prosperity. He is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Lawson married, March 1, 1870, Margaret Sample, born in McCandless township, September 12, 1850, daughter of James and Jane (Ross) Sample. Children: 1. James, born December 25, 1870, deceased. 2. John S., born June 8, 1872, married Matilda Miller; children: Raymond and Mary. 3. Walker, born July 16, 1874, deceased. 4. William Charles, born March 7, 1876, married Mary Wike, has a daughter, Beulah, resides in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. 5. Mary, born October 31, 1877, married George Miller, and has children: Ralph, Viola, Marie. 6. Elmer George, born December 28, 1881, married Edna Mahaffey, and has children: Norman, Hazel, Pearl. 7. Edward E., born November 29, 1885, resides at home unmarried. 8. Robert T., born June 14, 1887, resides at Homestead, Pennsylvania, unmarried.

GRAHAM

This account takes up the American record of the family to which Robert Fleming Graham, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, belongs, beginning with Hugh Graham, of Scotch descent, a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. In his youth he underwent the thrilling experience of capture by Indians, making his escape from the camp of the savages and returning to his home in Lancaster county, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits until his death. He married Margaret Kennedy, and among his sons were Robert, of whom further, John, George. The last two named were soldiers in a Pennsylvania regiment during the war of the Revolution, George at one time held prisoner by the enemy. He later settled in South Carolina, John made his home at New Albany, Indiana, which town he surveyed and laid out, numerous of his descendants there residing at the present time.

(II) Robert Graham, son of Hugh and Margaret (Kennedy) Graham, was born about 1760, and was reared to manhood in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Until 1800 he was a farmer, cultivating land in Lancaster county, in that year moving to Butler county, Pennsylvania, where he conducted a tannery and traded extensively with the Indians. He was a soldier in the "Dunny Money" Volunteers in the second war with Great Britain, and after the close of the war moved to Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Here he joined his father-in-law, Colonel Thomas Gilchrist, who had won his military title in the war for independence and who had been granted a considerable tract of land, approximately five hundred acres, by a grateful government. Robert Graham was a Whig in political inclination, and with his wife belonged to the Associate

Reformed Church. He died in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1840. He married Margaret Gilchrist, who died in 1839, and had six children, of whom John K. was the youngest.

(III) John K. Graham, son of Robert and Margaret (Gilchrist) Graham, was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, in 1815, died in 1907. He grew to maturity in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there inherited a portion of the homestead, upon which he lived the greater part of his life. The buildings of the estate were remodeled at his direction and he was at one time a farmer upon an extensive scale, later disposing of a part of his property. His early political party was the Whig, and he at one time held the office of elder in the Associate Reformed Church, subsequently transferring his religious allegiance to the United Presbyterian Church, of which he was also an elder. He married (first) Mary Ann Calhoun, who died about 1852, daughter of John and Margaret (Calhoun) Calhoun; (second) Eliza Rankin. Children of John and Margaret (Calhoun) Calhoun: 1. Adly, a minister of the Presbyterian Church, died aged twenty-seven years. 2. Mary Ann, of previous mention, married John K. Graham. 3. John, a farmer, died young. 4. Nancy, married Thomas Rankin, and died in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 5. James, owner of a saw-mill, died aged forty-five years. 6. Thomas, a mill-worker, died in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 7. Moses, a farmer, died in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 8. Alexander, a farmer, died in Lincoln township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. By his first marriage John K. Graham was the father of three children: John Calhoun, of whom further; Adly and Robert, who both died in childhood. Children by his marriage to Eliza Rankin: Samuel A., lives on part of the Rankin homestead in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania; Sarah J., married John O. Penny, and also lives on a part of the Rankin homestead in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county; Mary Ann, died in childhood; Eliza M., died in childhood; Margaret C., died aged twenty-two years.

(IV) John Calhoun Graham, son of John K. and Mary Ann (Calhoun) Graham, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in October, 1845, died in 1884. As a boy he attended the local schools, growing to manhood in the county of his birth, and after his marriage made his home on a section of the homestead in Elizabeth township. Here he resided until 1874, when he moved to Connellsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, there becoming the owner of a flouring mill, operating at different times on both banks of the Youghiogheny river and there remaining until his death. He was a Republican in political action, and was with his wife a member of the United Presbyterian Church. He was a man of lofty principles, his well-ordered life beyond reproach of man, and was early called from ways of well-doing. He married Margaret Fleming, born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in August, 1846, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth (Jack) Fleming. His widow now resides in Elyria, Ohio. Robert Fleming was a son of Robert Fleming, a native of Ireland, of Scotch ancestry, who came to the United States prior to 1820, settling in East Deer township, Allegheny county, Penn-

sylvania. He gained title to a farm in this locality and there spent his remaining years. Robert Fleming, son of Robert Fleming, was born on this farm, inheriting a portion thereof at his father's death, and there living all of his life. He and his wife were first members of the Associate Reformed Church, later of the United Presbyterian Church. By his marriage with Elizabeth Jack he was the father of: 1. Sarah, married William Hill: died on the old homestead. 2. Annie, married William McDowell; died in Newcastle, Pennsylvania. 3. Margaret, of previous mention, married John Calhoun Graham. 4. Cynthia Mary, married J. P. Henderson, deceased, and resides in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. 5. Annetta, deceased; married Rev. J. P. Gibson, of Tarkio, Missouri. Children of John Calhoun and Margaret (Fleming) Graham: 1. Robert Fleming, of whom further. 2. William C., principal of the High School at Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. 3. Mary C., died unmarried, September 16, 1897. 4. James B., chief inspector of the National Tube Company, of Loraine, Ohio, and lives in Elyria, Ohio.

(V) Robert Fleming Graham, son of John Calhoun and Margaret (Fleming) Graham, was born in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 19, 1871. He was educated in the public schools, in Mount Pleasant Academy preparing himself for entrance at Tarkio College, Missouri, whence he was graduated in 1894. Returning to the state of his birth he was for nine years a school teacher in Mount Pleasant, McKeesport, and Pittsburgh, then registering as a student at law in the office of James H. Beal. In March, 1902, Mr. Graham was admitted to the bar, and has since attended the needs of a general practice, being attorney for the McKeesport school district and several corporations having their seat in that locality. He is a member of the Allegheny County Bar Association, and holds position as an advocate of reputation, integrity and ability, a place the right to which he has strongly defended in legal contest with his professional brethren. He is a member of Lodge, Chapter and Commandery in the Masonic Order.

Mr. Graham married, in June, 1904, Mary E., daughter of Peter and Mary (Rae) Patterson, and has children: 1. Robert Patterson, born March 5, 1906, died aged five years. 2. John Kenneth, born August 6, 1908.

KRETZER

The Kretzer family, of which Charles H. Kretzer, of Allison Park, Pennsylvania, is representative, were originally seated in England, but in 1812 Christian Kretzer emigrated to Hanover, a province of Prussia since 1866, but from 1814 until that date a kingdom created by the Congress of Vienna in 1814, and prior to that date an independent duchy and the seat of the House of Hanover, from whence came George I., who established the Hanoverian dynasty in England, in 1714. From him descended Victoria, for many years England's honored queen. In 1866, Hanover espoused the Austrian side in the war with Prussia, in consequence the Prussians dethroned the King of Hanover and annexed the country. Nicholas Kretzer settled at Einbeck, on the Ilm

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river, thirty-nine miles from Hanover, the capital of the province, and there lived until his death.

(II) Christian (2) Kretzer, son of Christian (1) Kretzer, was born in Iber by Einbeck, Hanover, Prussia, and there died in 1858. He was a well educated man, a tailor by trade, and a Lutheran in religion, about three-fourths of the population of Hanover being of the Protestant faith. He married Justina Zisake. Children: 1. Augustus John, came to the United States and died in Baltimore, Maryland. 2. Christian (3), resides in Germany. 3. Henry, came to the United States, married Catherine Viemiller, and resides in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 4. Hannah, came to the United States, married Frederick Moehler, and resides in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 5. Frederick. 6. George, died unmarried, aged twenty-three years. 7. Charles H., of further mention. Five other children died young.

(III) Charles H. Kretzer, son of Christian (2) and Justina (Ziesake) Kretzer, was born at Einbeck, Hanover, Prussia, August 16, 1849. He was well educated in excellent German schools, learned the trade of tailor, and followed that occupation until May 3, 1867, when he came to the United States, locating in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he began working on a farm at a wage of ten dollars monthly. He had brought his widowed mother with him and from his scanty wages supported her also. He continued as a farm hand for about four years, then rented a farm in McCandless township and continued a tenant farmer for seven years. In 1878 he had accumulated some capital, which he invested in a farm of sixty acres. He sold twenty acres of this for a sum sufficient to pay one-third of the original price of the sixty acres and as he prospered bought back the twenty acres with forty additional, making his farm an even one hundred acres, on which he raised general crops, fruits and market produce, also conducting until 1909 a dairy. He has improved his farm by erection of good buildings, brought the land to a high state of fertility and now has an estate, created entirely by his own efforts, of which he may well be proud. He is a Republican in politics, has served as collector of taxes for McCandless township and is the present health officer. He is a highly respected citizen and has won a high place in public regard as well as a competence, starting with nothing, a stranger in a strange land.

Mr. Kretzer married (first) in 1873, Magdalena Weaver, born June 11, 1857, daughter of Jacob and Anna (Jacob) Weaver. He married (second) Justina Weaver, sister of his first wife. Jacob Weaver, their father, was a Union soldier, killed at the battle of Gettysburg. Child of first wife: Henry S., married Louise Hart; children: Arthur, Carrie, Dorothy. Children by second wife: 1. Anna, married James Davies; children: Milton, Wilbert, and a daughter. 2. George J., unmarried, resides in British Columbia. 3. Frederick C., married Isabel Smith; children: Mildred, Howard, Edna. 4. John G., married Faith Warden, and has a daughter, Estelle. 5. Charles E., unmarried, resides at British Columbia. 6. Raymond Weaver, at home. 7. Elmer William, at home.

HOPPER

The descendants of Samuel Hopper, the immigrant ancestor of his line, have been resident mainly in Allegheny and Washington counties, the lives of those chronicled below having been lived in the former locality.

(I) Samuel Hopper was born in the north of Ireland in December, 1784, died near Oakdale, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 27, 1875. When he was a lad of sixteen years he came to the United States, and after his marriage in this country settled in South Fayette township, Allegheny county, two and one-half miles from Oakdale, Pennsylvania. His property was no better than wilderness at his time of purchase, but he set himself determinedly to the task of converting it into desirable farm land, an object that he accomplished successfully. The log house that he built from the trees that he felled is still standing, greatly decayed but yet in an upright position, the storms of a century having failed to end its existence. He married, November 18, 1811, Elizabeth Barclay, born in August, 1784, died January 28, 1869, who, with him, is buried in Robinson Run Cemetery. Both were members of the United Presbyterian Church, regular in their attendance, devoted in their worship. They were the parents of: 1. Robert, born in 1812. 2. Andrew Barclay, born in 1813. 3. Samuel, of whom further. 4. Arthur Jamison, born in 1816. 5. Nancy, born in 1818, married Alexander Fitch, and died in Ohio. 6. John, born in 1820. 7. Elizabeth, born in 1822, married Thomas Campbell. 8. Mary Ann, born in 1824, married James Wallace. 9. James, died in 1826.

(II) Samuel (2) Hopper, son of Samuel (1) and Elizabeth (Barclay) Hopper, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1815, died in Cincinnati, Ohio. In manhood he became an engineer, his service being on the river-boats, as he was employed at his death. The vessel of which he was engineer ran to Cincinnati, and in 1849-50, after making this city on one of his frequent trips, he was stricken with cholera, death resulting soon after, and he was there buried. He married Margaret McClelland, who survived him, after his death married John Marshall, living in Elliottsville, Pennsylvania, until her death. Children of Samuel (2) and Margaret (McClelland) Hopper: 1. Melinda, married a Mr. Stewart, and died at Elliottsville, Pennsylvania. 2. William James, of whom further. 3. Samuel, met an accidental death in Texas. Children of the second marriage of Margaret (McClelland) Hopper, that with John Marshall: 1. Annie, married George Holton, and resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 2. Theodore, lives in Pittsburgh. 3. Joseph, deceased. 4. Jared, lives in the Philippine Islands.

(III) William James Hopper, son of Samuel (2) and Margaret (McClelland) Hopper, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. After obtaining a public school education, he mastered the machinist's trade. He was actively engaged at his trade for several years, in 1903 moving to Crafton, Pennsylvania, where he established in the plumbing business, in which he remained until his death on December 11, 1904. He had prospered in his line and had invested in real estate, at his death owning three houses that

had been erected at his direction. During the Civil War he served two enlistments in the Fourteenth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, one of nine months, the other of one year, and while in the Union service contracted rheumatism, from which he suffered to the end of his life. His political party was the Republican.

Mr. Hopper married, August 7, 1873, Mary Melissa, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Lorraine) Ewing. Both of her parents were natives of Oakdale, Pennsylvania, where they were married and where they died, both buried in the Union Cemetery. He was a farmer by occupation, on one occasion spending three years in California, where he was engaged in lumber dealing. Children of William James and Mary Melissa (Ewing) Hopper: 1. Margaret, married John W. Taylor, Jr., and lives in Crafton, Pennsylvania, the mother of two children, John and Eileen. 2. Samuel Ewing, a plumber of Crafton, Pennsylvania, married Hannah Evans, and has children: Ewing, Armede, Laura.

HUGO

The name of Hugo is known far and wide in the state of Pennsylvania, as connected with the conduct of hotels of a high standard. The family came to this country from Germany, and brought with them those qualities of thrift and industry so characteristic of Germans.

(I) John Hugo was born in Germany and came to America unmarried. He made his home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he retired from business late in life, and died in August, 1885. He married Mary Elsessor, and had children: One died in infancy; Jacob, of further mention; John and Michael, retired hotel proprietors, reside in McKeesport; Elizabeth, married Joseph Gush, and lives on a farm near McKeesport; Mary, married Peter Cassidy, and lives in McKeesport; Annie, married Lawrence Clifford, and lives in Pittsburgh.

(II) Jacob Hugo, son of John and Mary (Elsessor) Hugo, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 18, 1850. His education was acquired in the public schools of Pittsburgh, and he then entered upon his business career. For a time he was in partnership with his brother John as proprietors of the hotel now conducted by Mr. Fisher, and upon the death of John, Jacob Hugo was the sole proprietor, and conducted it alone until his death, January 21, 1896. He was well known and very popular personally, and his death was deeply regretted by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was a man of many-sided business ability, and was one of the organizers and a director of the local street car railway, and of the Thirteenth Street Bridge, a toll bridge. His political support was given to the Democratic party, and he and his wife were members of St. Peter's Catholic Church.

Mr. Hugo married (first) Carrie Abrahams, a native of Wales. He married (second) December 29, 1884, Sarah McDermott, born in county Durham, England, a daughter of Bart and Sarah (Murphy) McDermott, the former a Catholic, the latter a Protestant. They came to America in 1874,

settling at Houtzdale, Clearfield county, Pennsylvania, and came to McKeesport in 1887. He was a miner by occupation, and retired from active work when he was seventy-four years of age. He and his wife have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, and have had children: Thomas, a timekeeper; Sarah, who married Mr. Hugo; Jane; Hugh, a merchant of McKeesport, who died in 1912; Joseph, living retired at McKeesport; John, a barber of McKeesport. By his first marriage Mr. Hugo had children: Maggie, married John Crawford, lives in Point Marion; Cecelia, married a Mr. Wetzel; Clara, died in infancy; Agnes, married Dennis Downe, lives in Charleroi, Pennsylvania; Lawrence, engaged in the real estate business in McKeesport. By the second marriage he had: Hilda; Victor, a draftsman; Mary.

GIBSON

When William III., of England, distributed honors among his soldiers after the historic battle of the Boyne, one of those raised to knighthood was an ancestor of Robert M. Gibson, of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania. To this family belonged Thomas Gibson, a native of Ireland, who accompanied his mother to this country when a lad of twelve years, locating in Pine township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he passed his entire life. His calling was that of a farmer. He married Rachel Dickson, born in Pine township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Jacob Dickson. Jacob Dickson, in whose veins flowed the blood of the Delaware Indian tribe, was a soldier in the American army, at one time serving as aide-de-camp to General Washington. He enlisted from Allegheny county, and was the only Pennsylvania pensioner from that county, receiving for his military service fifty acres of land in Allegheny county, which he afterwards exchanged in a trade for a tract of two hundred acres in Pine township, the same county, near Wexford, there conducting farming operations. Children: Eliza, Margaret E., Nancy, Mary Jane, Rachel, James D., Charles, of whom further.

(II) Charles Gibson, son of Thomas and Rachel (Dickson) Gibson, was born in Pine township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. His education was obtained in the subscription schools, and early in life he learned the trade of carpenter, his calling until he took up milling and farming. Charles Gibson was at one time the owner of sixteen hundred acres of land, of which the farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres in Richland township, occupied by his son, Robert M., is a part, and he made hay and grain his principal crops. At this place he also operated a flouring mill for many years, and was well-known and regarded throughout the neighborhood. When the tracks of the Pittsburgh & Western Railroad were laid he financed the operation to a great extent, and for a time headed the organization of this road as president. He was a man of local prominence, serving as postmaster for about nine years, and filling a position on the school board. He married Elizabeth Jane Logue, whose mother was a member of the Dickson family, belonging to the branch claiming General George Gibson, who met his death in

battle in the war for independence, serving at the time under General Arthur St. Clair. Children of Charles and Elizabeth Jane (Logue) Gibson: Janetta, Thomas E., Robert M., of whom further mention, Louisa B., Rachel D.

(III) Robert M. Gibson, son of Charles and Elizabeth Jane (Logue) Gibson, was born in the house that is his present home in Richland township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 11, 1845. His early studies were pursued in the schools of the locality, and he was for three years a student in Jefferson College, entering business life immediately after leaving this institution and becoming connected with the construction of the Pittsburgh & Western Railroad, a project in which his father was heavily interested. Upon its completion and the beginning of business thereon, Mr. Gibson became freight and passenger agent at Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, later opening a general mercantile establishment in Gibsonia which he maintained for many years, drawing upon the surrounding country-side for his patronage and building up a trade of unusually large dimensions. For three years he was engaged in the same line at Bakerstown, Pennsylvania, and upon his return to Gibsonia he continued as a merchant for four years thereafter. Mr. Gibson has been especially active in the promotion of enterprises affecting the region in which he lives, and was the chief organizer of the Northern Pittsburgh Telephone Company, of which he was for several years president and general manager, and was also president of the Allegheny & Butler Plank Road Company. The Butler Short Line received his support at the time of its organization, and any movement, whatever its magnitude, that promises the welfare and improvement of the condition of the body of the people receives his enthusiastic backing. Under the administration of President William McKinley Mr. Gibson was appointed postmaster of the town bearing his name, Gibsonia, and served until July 1, 1914, when his resignation took effect, his daughter, Nancy Owens, being appointed to fill the vacancy thus caused. With his family he is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and subscribed one-third of the cost of erection of a church of this denomination in Gibsonia. He is a citizen of worthy parts, wholly public-spirited, and is content to contribute his efforts for the general good in a manner quiet and unostentatious. Honor, integrity and a correct use of the material prosperity that has come to him have gained him a leading position in the community, the responsibilities of which he has accepted and ably discharges.

Mr. Gibson married (first) Mary A. Dunlap, (second) Anna M. Owens. By his first marriage he is the father of: Charles E. and Margaret. By his second: Elizabeth Logue and Nancy Owens, who succeeded her father as postmaster of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania.

MYERS

Herman Joseph Myers is a member of an old German family typical of the best character of that strong and dominant race which has contributed so large and valuable an element to the make-up of our composite American citizenship, an element which has served as a leaven of its own peculiar virtues of industry and unswerving pursuit of an objective, in that same citizenship.

(I) Peter Myers, grandfather of Herman Joseph Myers, was a native of Germany, and passed his childhood and youth in that country. His birth occurred in 1802, and it was not until 1842, forty years later, that he left his native land. He had by that time married and was the father of a number of children, the eldest of whom was twelve years of age. The age was a troublous one for the energetic and enterprising young German, whose heart was set upon carving out a name for himself, for the aristocracy so long entrenched was making desperate efforts to control the strong democratic movement which was threatening their privileges and power, and which culminated a few years later in the Revolution of 1848-49. There seemed but one possibility for the German of democratic beliefs and feelings, but one way for him to escape the oppression of the ruling classes, or the still worse predicament of enlistment in the army and the necessity of aiding in the establishment of the very yoke so galling to themselves and their loved ones. This one way was no other than to leave the beloved "Fatherland" and seek one's fortune elsewhere. It was this sad necessity which caused such a tremendous wave of emigration from Germany at that time, a wave which, followed by others not less large, has broken on the shores of the New World and brought to the United States a splendid set of citizens including such men as Carl Schurz and the Heckers. With this great movement came Peter Myers with his wife and family, at the age of forty years, to win his life anew in the new land. Upon his arrival in this country, he went directly to the Pennsylvania coal fields, and settled in the city of McKeesport, Allegheny county. Here he quickly found employment as a coal miner, in which occupation he continued for the remainder of his long life, or until he retired from active work altogether. His death occurred in 1890 at the age of eighty-eight years. His marriage had occurred in Germany, and his wife accompanied him to the home in Pennsylvania, where she lived until 1899, and died at the venerable age of ninety-two years. To them were born six children, as follows: John, of whom further; Jacob, Catherine, Ellen, Gertrude, Minnie, deceased.

(II) John Myers, the eldest son of Peter and Catherine Myers, was born in Germany in the year 1830, and was twelve years of age when his parents emigrated to America and brought him with them. Children attend school early in the "Fatherland" and John Myers had gained most of his education before he left his native land, being a pupil in the local Volkeschule. Upon arriving in the new home, he found employment, as did his father, in the coal mines of the region. The mining which was done there at that time was of an exceedingly primitive type, the coal which the men excavated being hauled out by dogs. John Myers was a very clever youth, who kept his eyes open for opportunities, and added to this asset was a most commendable industry. It was not a great while, therefore, before he was able to save sufficient capital to enable him to open a small grocery business, which in course of time grew to large proportions. Besides this business Mr. Myers, who was active in Republican politics, was appointed postmaster of the town of Coultersville, Allegheny county, and held that

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position for sixteen years or until the time of his death. Save for the somewhat meager education which he had received in Germany, he had nothing in the nature of formal training. He was, however, a great reader of books on his own account, and in this manner gained an excellent education, and was very broadly read. As above remarked, he was a Republican in politics, and took a keen interest in all the questions occupying the political arena in his day, whether of national or local application. He was a devoted member of the Catholic Church, as was his wife, and their children were reared in that faith. He married Elizabeth Bost, also a native of Germany, born in the year 1833, daughter of William and Annie (Mavis) Bost, lifelong residents of that country. Mr. and Mrs. Bost were the parents of seven children, as follows: Louis, Henry, Marie, Marian, Margaret, Catherine, Elizabeth, above mentioned. All these children, with the exception of Marian and Catherine are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. John Myers both died in the year 1905, on May 24 and July 23, respectively. To them were born twelve children, as follows: John, Gertrude, Louisa, Louis, Annie, Mary, Lizzy, deceased; Herman Joseph, of whom further; Frank, Catherine, Jacob and George, both deceased.

(III) Herman Joseph Myers, the eighth child of John and Elizabeth (Bost) Myers, was born March 9, 1871, in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. His education was received at the town of Coultersville that county, of which his father was appointed postmaster when Herman J. was about ten years old, and which was the home of the family for more than fifty years altogether. He attended the Catholic parochial school and the local public schools there, and after completing his studies he obtained a position as clerk in the grocery establishment of W. J. Sharples. He continued in this service for a period of ten years, when he received an appointment to a place in the county treasurer's office in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Here he remained for three years, and then again received a better appointment, this time as assistant postmaster of the city of McKeesport, an office which he held for the four-year term. He then accepted a position as bookkeeper for the concern of Bowman Brothers Company. In the meantime Mr. Myers had determined, when the occasion arose, to engage in business for himself, and with this end in view he plied himself with energy and zeal to his labors, living a frugal life the while, and was thus able to lay by a steadily increasing capital. His position with Bowman Brothers Company may thus be looked upon as merely a temporary expedient, in spite of the fact that it was five years before he felt justified in leaving them and embarking on his own adventure. It was in the autumn of 1908 that he finally made the move, and established the Myers Coal Company, with offices at Thirteenth and Market streets, McKeesport, which has ever since been the scene of his active and successful business career. The venture was never in doubt, and from the start the business has increased both rapidly and steadily, until in 1913 the firm was incorporated under the name of the Myers Coal Company, with Mr. Myers as president and Henry Collin as secretary and treasurer. The business is now one of the most important in the city, and Mr. Myers has

become one of the most prominent figures in the business and financial circles in the region. The company deals in coal and coke, fire brick and fire clay, lime, sewer pipe, cement and builders' supplies.

Nor is this all. His interests are by no means confined, as in the case of so many of our successful business men, to the narrow limits of his personal affairs, but on the contrary embrace the general affairs of the community of which he is a member. This is especially the case in the matter of politics, in which he takes a deep and intelligent interest, and he is very active in the local councils of the Republican party, of which he is an ardent member. Mr. Myers has made his residence in the township of Versailles, Allegheny county, since his business has been in McKeesport, and it is in the former place that his political activities have lain. Here he is regarded as not only one of the most successful politicians of the neighborhood, but as possessing those fortunate characteristics which fit a man for a competent office holder. He has without doubt executive ability of no common order, his integrity is unimpeachable, and he has shown that courage necessary to resist undue political pressure without which no man can adequately serve the public in any official capacity. As a consequence of these qualities, Mr. Myers has held wellnigh all the posts of trust within the gift of the township. Among others he has occupied the position of treasurer, school director and clerk, besides being, as was his father before him, a delegate to the convention nominating Dalzelle, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Myers married, October 7, 1896, Clara B. Snyder, also a native of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, born May 4, 1877. Mrs. Myers is a daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Lang) Snyder, of Versailles township, where he is a large property owner. Mr. and Mrs. Myers are the parents of four children, as follows: Thelma, born October 6, 1897, who despite her youth is a graduate from Duff's Business College, and is now employed as a stenographer by the United Real Estate Company of McKeesport, Pennsylvania; Harold, born December 28, 1903; Edward, born January 27, 1908; Herbert, born October 28, 1909.

Mr. Myers is one of the most successful business men of McKeesport, a stockholder in the City Bank of that place, and a large owner of property both there and in Versailles township, among his valuable properties being his place of business at the corner of Thirteenth and Market streets. Mr. Myers and his wife are members of the Catholic Church, as his family has always been, and they are rearing their children in the same faith.

GIEL

Bavaria, the second state in size of the German Empire, is the locality whence came John (1) Giel, father of John (2) Giel, of Glenshaw, Pennsylvania. That has long been the family home and it was there that George Giel, grandfather of John (2) Giel, passed his entire life in the pursuit of farming. George Giel married and had children, one of his sons John, of whom further.

(II) John Giel, son of George Giel, was born in Bavaria, Germany, and was there reared, in his youth attending the local schools and acquiring a

good education. In his native land he was a farmer, operating upon his land a flour and saw mill, and in 1875 emigrated to the United States, settling in Brooklyn, New York, and there living, retired until his death. He married Margaretta Banzer, born in Bavaria, Germany, daughter of George Banzer, a farmer. George Banzer married a Miss Sherber, and after his death she married again, her second husband being George Dotterweich, a soldier under the first Napoleon, who marched with that commander in the historic advance upon Moscow. George Dotterweich passed seven years in France, and was a fluent master of the language of that land. John and Margaretta (Banzer) Giel had numerous children, of whom five are living at the present time.

(III) John (2) Giel, son of John (1) and Margaretta (Banzer) Giel, was born in Bavaria, Germany, July 25, 1853, and as a youth attended the schools of his native land. In the spring of 1872, when almost nineteen years of age, he emigrated to the United States, coming directly to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was for one and one-half years employed on the railroad. At the end of that time he was offered service in the stove works owned by Alexander Bradley, and there remained for the ten years from 1873 to 1883. In 1883 he became the proprietor of a hotel at No. 1306 Penn avenue, then moving to No. 4521 Butler street, and continuing in this line of business until 1904. In this year Mr. Giel bought a farm of one hundred and thirteen acres on the Saxonberg pike in Hampton township, Allegheny county, remodeling the buildings and subsequently selling six acres of his property to George Calvert. Here he has since been a farmer and gardener, his sons, Robert and John Jr., now having full charge of the agricultural operations. Mr. Giel is now causing the erection of a new house on his property, and after its completion will live retired from all business cares. He is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, of Pine Creek, Pennsylvania. He has been consistently successful in his business dealings, and retires after a career in which hard work, persistently and intelligently directed toward the heights of prosperity, have met with worthy rewards.

He married, in 1876, Elizabeth Zuger, born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and has children: Josephine, Willibalt, George, John, Augusta, Robert, Elizabeth, Edmund, Florence, Zita, Gerald, Loretta, Joseph, Margaretta. Mr. and Mrs. Giel were also the parents of two children who are now deceased, Anthony and Edmund.

BROWN

The Browns herein noted came to Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, from Ireland, thence to Allegheny county. The emigrant, William Brown, after settling in Cumberland county, with his wife, Rebecca (Gracie) Brown, there always lived and reared a family, his fifth son, James, settling in Allegheny county. Children of William Brown: Thomas, William, Robert, David, James, Mary. The family were members of the United Presbyterian Church of Newville.

(II) James Brown, son of William and Rebecca (Gracie) Brown, was

born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, May 10, 1824, died in Hampton township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1896. He was educated in public schools, and when a young man came from Cumberland county to Allegheny City, where he was a cattle drover. He also lived in Hazlewood in charge of a gentleman's estate, and in 1878 bought a farm in Hampton township on which he resided until his death. He was a member and a trustee of Hampton United Presbyterian Church, and a Republican in politics. He married Harriet A. Green, born July 20, 1839, died February 28, 1906, daughter of William and Mary Ann (Ashton) Green. Children: 1. Rebecca J., born January 31, 1860, married Cameron Nevin. 2. Elizabeth, born January 12, 1862, married John Calvin Dickey. 3. William James, of further mention. 4. Carrie M., born February 7, 1871, married William E. Thomas. 5. Laura Olive, born May 30, 1879, married Eli P. Thomas. 6. Stella G., born August 26, 1884, married Torrance Rowe.

(III) William James Brown, son of James and Harriet A. (Green) Brown, was born in Allegheny City (Pittsburgh, North Side), Pennsylvania, March 3, 1864. He was educated in the city public schools and since leaving school has been continuously engaged in farming in Hampton township. In 1894 he purchased his present farm of forty acres, on which he erected the present house and barn. He is a director of the Bakerstown Mutual Fire Insurance Company, a member of Hampton United Presbyterian Church, and in political faith a Republican. Mr. Brown married, March 27, 1890, Mary McIntyre, born September 23, 1867, daughter of Hercules and Christianna (Sterling) McIntyre, her father a blacksmith. Hercules McIntyre was born May 10, 1842; Christianna Sterling was born November 13, 1843. Children of Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre: 1. Mary, above mentioned. 2. John, married Anna McCaslin. 3. Robert, unmarried. 4. Isabel, married Harry Keil. 5. James, died young. 6. George I., unmarried. 7. Ira M., unmarried. Children of William James and Mary (McIntyre) Brown: 1. Florence Mary, born October 5, 1891. 2. Olive I., born July 2, 1893. 3. Alice S., born June 16, 1895, died March 23, 1913. 4. James H., born December 26, 1898. 5. Harriet A., born June 7, 1901. 6. Howard L., born May 25, 1907.

ALLEN

Joseph Allen, born in 1809, in Ballynocken, county Down, Ireland, came to the United States in 1846. He was a contractor of street work in Allegheny City, residing in that city until 1861, when he removed to a farm of thirty-three acres in Ross township, which he cultivated until his death in 1896. He married, soon after coming to this country, Eliza Musgrave, daughter of John Musgrave; she was also born in county Down, and survived her husband until 1900. Joseph Allen and his wife were both members of the Reformed Presbyterian Church. Their children were: Mary E. and John M.

John M. Allen, son of Joseph and Eliza (Musgrave) Allen, was born in Allegheny City, July 6, 1849. He was educated in the public schools and Newell Davis Academy, Allegheny City, attending the latter school two years. He accompanied his parents to the Ross township farm on

which he now resides. From 1865 until 1880 he lived at West View on his farm, but in the fall of 1880 removed to Allegheny City, where he lived until 1907, then removed again to his present residence in Ross township. During his residence in Allegheny City he was variously employed until 1882, in that year establishing in the retail coal business at the corner of Boquet and Grant avenues, that city, where he has continued actively engaged for thirty-two years. His present residence, to which he removed in 1907, is the homestead purchased by his father in 1856, his permanent home. He is a member of the Reformed Presbyterian Church and for forty years was leader of the choir in the Allegheny City church of that denomination. After his long, busy and useful life in the turmoil of the city, Mr. Allen enjoys his country home, and finds healthful occupation in managing its affairs.

He married, in 1880, Kate B. Kenney, daughter of Lieutenant William Kenney, of Company B, —— Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, who fell, mortally wounded, before Richmond. Children: 1. Mary E., married Rev. E. L. McKnight, a minister of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, now located at Sharon, Iowa; children: John, Allen and Donald. 2. John M. (2d), now living in Allegheny City, a coal dealer; married Mary Peck, of Syracuse, New York; child, Eleanor Elizabeth. 3. Isabella. 4. Helen. 5. Margaret. The latter three are residing with their parents at the Ross township farm.

EDMUNDSON

The name of Edmundson is of English origin, and the family has been resident in the country many generations.

Joseph E. Edmundson was born at McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and was of the Quaker denomination. He married Mary Ann Baker, also born in McKeesport, and they had children: Caleb, who died in 1911; John F., of further mention; Levi; Rebecca, deceased; Susan, deceased; Robert M.

John F. Edmundson, son of Joseph E. and Mary Ann (Baker) Edmundson, was born August 22, 1835, in what was then Elizabeth township, since 1869 Lincoln township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and died January 14, 1914. After an elementary education acquired in the public schools, he attended the Conoquenessing Academy at Zelienople, and the Union College of Wilmington. Later he took up the study of law in the office of Hon. Samuel A. Perviance and Titian A. Coffy, and was admitted to the bar in 1861. He was the second oldest practicing attorney in the city, having been engaged in active practice half a century. At the time of his death a meeting was called of the Allegheny County Bar Association to adopt resolutions of respect to the memory of this noted attorney, and among the eminent speakers on this occasion were: James W. Collins, L. K. Porter, J. A. Petty, George N. Monroe, W. H. Thomson and S. W. Woods. During the Civil War he was in active service for a short time. He was a Repub-

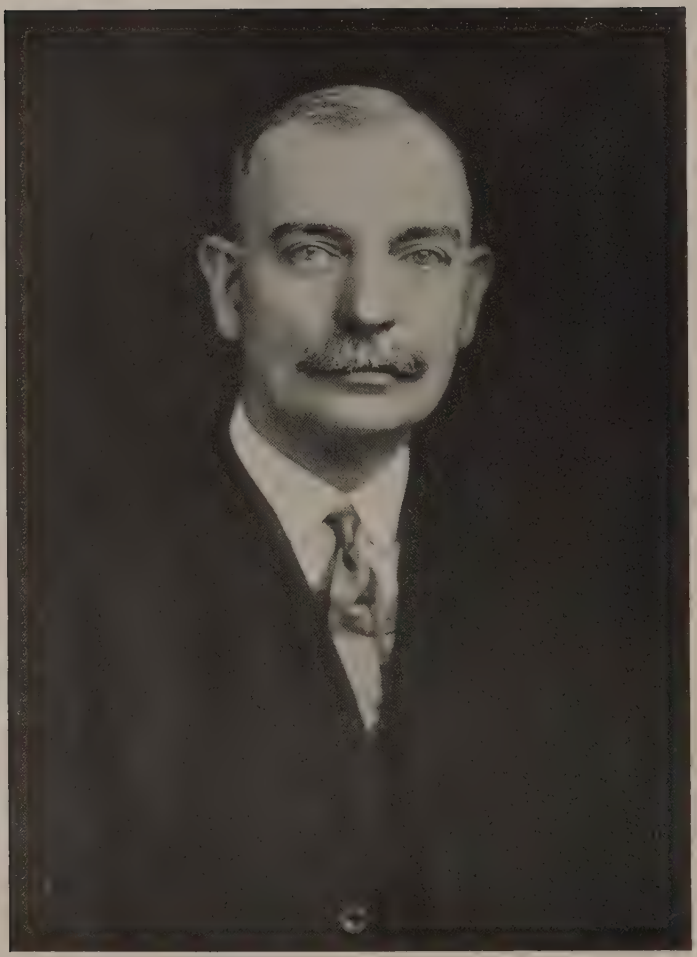
lican in political opinion, and a member of the Methodist Church. At one time he was considered one of the wealthiest men of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Edmundson married, in December, 1863, Phoebe, a daughter of John and Priscilla (Hall) Randolph, and a granddaughter of Joseph Hall. The Randolphs, from whom Mrs. Edmundson is descended, are descendants of those Virginia Randolphs who settled Whitestown, Butler county, Pennsylvania. They gave land for the founding of the present Princeton University. A great-uncle of Mrs. Edmundson, John Randolph, went West, and a brother of his, William Randolph, was a judge in St. Louis, Missouri, while another brother was a senator from one of the western states. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Edmundson: 1. Carrie, who married (first) J. A. Herron, and had a daughter Caroline D., who married Vincent C. Cotton, has a child Dorothy, and is living on Rosedale street; she married (second) Joseph Stadtfield, an attorney at the Allegheny county bar; they live at the corner of Whitman and Wilkins streets, and have children: Carita, Rogers, Joseph, Arnold. 2. Zella, married —— Burkhart, lives in Pittsburgh, and has children: Earl and Clyde. 3. Elvin, an attorney, lives in Pittsburgh; married Caroline Schroth, has one child Carolina. 4. Ira, in the real estate business on Second avenue, Pittsburgh.; he married (first) Clara Cleeland, and has children: John, Lewis, Esther, Ira; he married (second) Marian Muirhead, and has one child, William. 5. Rand M., who attended the Pittsburgh Academy, then studied law at the University of Michigan and at Yale University; lives with his mother when in Pittsburgh. Mr. Edmundson had his summer home at Evergreen, Pennsylvania, while his city residence was on Elizabeth street. He was also the owner of other valuable property in the city, and the surrounding country.

RATTIGAN

From Ireland in 1839 came Michael Rattigan, father of John J. Rattigan, the well known business man of Homestead, Pennsylvania. Michael Rattigan, born in 1821 in county Roscommon, Ireland, was the son of an Irish farmer, and one of a family of unusually large well-built men. His parents lived to be over eighty years of age, and were devout Catholics. Three of the sons, Michael, John and Martin, came to the United States, John settling on a farm in Kent county, Michigan, Martin locating in the city of Baltimore.

Michael Rattigan passed the first eighteen years of his life in Ireland, working on the farm, coming to New York City in 1839. He was large and strong for his years, and at once found work as a longshoreman, an occupation in which these qualities stood him in good part. He next secured work on the construction of the Erie canal, at a wage of seventy-five cents daily. In the meantime he had married and with his wife drifted westward, becoming a sub-contractor on sections of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad in Maryland and Pennsylvania. In this capacity he built three miles of that road near Cumberland, Maryland, and five miles between Hineman and Bedford, Pennsylvania. He served three years in the Union army, during



John J. Rattigan.

the Civil War, in a New York regiment, and finally permanently located in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. There he engaged in general contracting, and in 1872 built a large tube mill in McKeesport. He was always a lover of horses and in connection with his business owned many teams, as well as some good driving stock. He continued in business until shortly before his death, when he sold his horses and retired. He died in 1879. He was a man of generous build, was six feet tall, and did business on a large scale, employing many men and distributing a large amount of money each pay day. He was a devout Catholic, and faithful to all his obligations. He married Bridget Cuff, born in county Roscommon, Ireland, in 1822, died in Homestead, Pennsylvania, in 1901, daughter of Patrick and Bridget Cuff, who both lived and died in Ireland, near Sligo, he a farmer, reaching the age of ninety-four years, she dying at the age of eighty-nine years. Bridget Cuff, the daughter, came from Ireland alone when she was seventeen years of age, met Michael Rattigan in New York City, where they were married four years later, she then being twenty-one years of age. She had brothers and sisters: Mary, married John Nelson, and lived in Providence, Rhode Island; John, who remained on the homestead in Ireland; a sister who married a Gibbons, lived and died in Ireland, rearing a large family, some of whom came to the United States, one of them, Peter Gibbons, locating in Altoona, Pennsylvania; Martin and Michael, both of whom located in McKeesport. In 1880, after the death of her husband, Mrs. Rattigan moved with her children to Homestead, Pennsylvania, where she resided until her death in 1901. She was a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, reared her children most carefully in that faith, and was a true, faithful wife and mother. Children: 1. Martin, lost at sea; he followed the sea from the time he was eleven years of age, and on his last voyage was steward of the ship "Ladonia" that was lost off the coast of Florida; he was unmarried. 2. Mary, married John Gilluly, a steel worker, now residing in Homestead. 3. Michael (2), lost his arm by accident, later left home, and was never again heard from. 4. Bridget, married John Bonner, and lives in Cleveland, Ohio. 5. John Joseph, of whom further. 6. Nicholas, a steel worker, now residing in Cleveland, Ohio; married Mary Manning. 7. Kate, married John I. Kane, a steel worker, now residing in Homestead, Pennsylvania.

John Joseph Rattigan, fifth child and third son of Michael and Bridget (Cuff) Rattigan, was born in Providence, Rhode Island, April 11, 1864, his father at that time being in the Union army. Not long after his birth the family moved to Pennsylvania, and finally to McKeesport, where he attended parochial schools. Later he was a student at the College of the Holy Ghost, continuing until 1882. The family had removed to Homestead in 1880, and after returning from college, John Joseph began work in the steel mills there. He continued a steel worker for fifteen years in Homestead, then spent one year in Worcester, Massachusetts, mills. He returned to Pennsylvania at the end of that year, worked two years for the independent steel corporation, Jones & Laughlin, in Pittsburgh, then returned

to Homestead. In 1893 he built a hotel at No. 344 Eighth avenue, Homestead, operated it until 1895, then sold out and erected a building on the same avenue, in which he established a gentlemen's furnishing store. He continued there in a most prosperous business until April, 1913, when he disposed of his mercantile interests to become a brick manufacturer and coal operator at Freeport, Pennsylvania, under the corporate name of the Buffalo Creek Coal & Brick Company. He is manager and a member of the board of directors of that company, which transacts a large and profitable business in both its lines. Mr. Rattigan has always ranked high in his community; as a steel worker he was an expert, and the large wages he earned were rightly used and judiciously invested; as a business man he is progressive, energetic and well balanced, his good judgment and sound sense ever directing him rightly. He is one of the prosperous men of Homestead and has won his way to success by his own energy and ability. He is a Democrat in politics, and has represented his ward in Homestead city council. He is an active, devout member of St. Mary Magdalene Roman Catholic Church, the Holy Name Society, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The family home is at No. 310 Tenth avenue, Homestead, which Mr. Rattigan purchased.

Mr. Rattigan married, in 1888, Margaret A. Good, born in Monongahela City, Pennsylvania, daughter of Joseph and Sarah C. Good, both deceased, he of American, she of English birth. Joseph Good was a well known coal operator. Children: Eileen, living at home; John A., private secretary to a large ranch owner in Nevada; Margaret, a high school student; Josephine, Raymond, Frances. The latter three attend parochial schools.

ZELLER

The ancestors of Dr. Albert T. Zeller, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, came to the United States from Germany. Zeller is an ancient and honorable German family name and in Dr. Zeller's direct line, beginning with his grandfather, Rev. Magnus Frederick Zeller, eleven generations each produced a mininster of the gospel. Dr. Zeller's wife descends from the Trimble family of Scotland, a family noted more for its prowess in war. Her father, Colonel James Harvey Trimble, of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was a distinguished officer of the Union army, serving until the close of the Civil War. The Zellers were native to the Kingdom of Wurttemberg, Germany, and there Rev. Albert Zeller, father of Dr. Zeller, first saw the light, March 13, 1833, son of Rev. Magnus Frederick and Dorothea Frederika (Herwig) Zeller. Rev. Magnus Frederick Zeller was born in Wurttemberg, September 5, 1803, died at Basilheim, Germany, October 8, 1843. He was a minister of the German Evangelical Church, eleven generations of his ancestors having also followed that holy calling. Wurttemberg, a kingdom in the southwestern part of Germany and the third state in size in the German Empire, has long been noted for the excellence of its higher educational institutions and the general diffusion of public instruction. Amid such conditions Magnus Frederick Zeller grew to manhood, obtaining a superior education fitting him

for the pursuit of his high calling. He lived a life of great usefulness and in turn transmitted to his posterity the high qualities of mind, inherited by him from educated high-minded forbears. His wife, Dorothea (Herwig) Zeller, was born at Erlanger, Germany, April 25, 1801, died July 14, 1843. Children: Johann, William, Sophie, Albert.

(II) Rev. Albert Zeller, son of Rev. Magnus Frederick and Dorothea (Herwig) Zeller, was born in Wurttemberg, Germany, March 13, 1833. After a long and useful career as a minister of the gospel, he is residing near Buffalo, New York, with his eldest daughter. He was classically educated in the superior institutions of his native Wurttemberg, then studied divinity at the University of Berne, Switzerland, and was regularly ordained a minister of the German Evangelical Church, a profession embraced by his forebears in succession from the sixteenth century. At the age of twenty-two years, in 1855, he came to the United States as a missionary to the German settlers in western Missouri. He quickly became known as a man of superior mind and education and not long after his coming was chosen general secretary of the German Evangelical Church of the United States. This position he ably filled for a quarter of a century, also filling many pulpits by invitation, also translating and publishing many books used in church and school. He then returned to regular pastoral work and served many important churches until after a continuously active ministerial life, covering a period of fifty-three years, he retired, full of honors gained in his Master's cause. He was in pastoral charge of churches in Cleveland, Buffalo and Rochester, New York, serving the latter church fifteen years with great acceptability. He possesses the gift of song and during his years in the ministry his deep bass voice led all others in congregational singing. Among his published works is a book of American patriotic and other songs, translated into German for use in the German schools. He also translated and published in English a book of German folk songs. His life has been very full and a blessing to his fellowmen. Now at the age of eighty-one years, the old veteran of the Cross is living a peaceful life near Buffalo, New York, at the farm of his son-in-law, John Webster, husband of his eldest child, Marie.

Rev. Albert Zeller married Augusta Burk, born in Wurttemberg, Germany, July 6, 1833, died August 8, 1888, daughter of Rev. Christian Burk, a University graduate, minister of the Evangelical Church and editor of *Der Christen Bote*, a church paper devoted to the interests of the missionary field. He was a man of brilliant mind and profound learning, influential in church and most useful in spreading the "glad tidings" of the gospel. He was thrice married, Augusta being a child of his first wife. Children of Rev. Albert and Augusta (Burk) Zeller: 1. Marie, married John Webster, and resides on a farm near Buffalo. 2. Paul, a minister of the gospel, now serving the German Evangelical Church at Scranton, Pennsylvania. 3. Albert T., of further mention. 4. Otto, a mechanic living in New York City; married Sadie Smith. 5. Martha, died at age of ten years.

(III) Dr. Albert T. Zeller, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, second son of

Rev. Albert and Augusta (Burk) Zeller, was born in Centerville, St. Clair county, Illinois, January 19, 1866. His early youth was spent in Illinois, where in his district the schools were poor and the fever and ague plenty, consequently his early education was confined to study at home, under the direction of his honored, scholarly father and mother. When nine years of age, his father accepted a call to the Cleveland, Ohio, church, and in the public schools of that city and later in Buffalo, New York, he secured a good preparatory education. In Buffalo he also attended Elmhurst Academy. He began professional study in the College of Pharmacy, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and after graduation from that institution in 1887, entered the Medico-Chirurgical College in the same city, whence he was graduated M. D., class of 1889. He at once began medical practice in Rochester, New York, and continued there in practice until 1893, when he located in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he still continues in a well established successful practice, limited since 1907 to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Dr. Zeller, in addition to his long years of experience in private practice, has added to his store of knowledge by post-graduate courses in noted institutions, at home and abroad. In 1892-93 he did post-graduate work at the Medico-Chirurgical College, his alma mater. In 1903 he pursued a special course in Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital, New York City, and in 1906-07 studied in Vienna, Austria, specializing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. As a specialist in these diseases, Dr. Zeller has attained high rank and ministers to a very large clientele. During the fourteen years he devoted to general practice, he acquired prominence in his profession as a physician of skill and honor, a reputation that he fully maintains as a specialist.

He is a prominent member of the Masonic Order, past master of Alliquippa Lodge, No. 375, Free and Accepted Masons; of McKeesport Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Sir Knight of McKeesport Commandery, No. 86, Knights Templar; and a "Shriner" of Syria Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Pittsburgh. He also belongs to the Heptasophs National Union, German Beneficial Union, also several other societies, professional and social, and with his family communes with the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church. The family residence is at 1518 Huey street, where Dr. Zeller erected a fine brick house in 1909.

Dr. Zeller married, June 9, 1897, Harriet T. Trimble, born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, daughter of Colonel James Harvey and Margaret (Stevens) Trimble, both deceased, and granddaughter of William and Sarah Trimble, of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, he a farmer occupying part of the tract on which his American ancestor settled about the year 1740. The Trimbles, originally Trumbull, came from Scotland, and according to tradition the first of the family to come to America consisted of a party of twenty Trumbull brothers and two sisters, one of whom married De Witt Clinton, of New York, the other married a Densmore. None of the brothers, it is said, weighed less than one hundred and eighty pounds and none were less than six feet in height. The founders of this branch settled in West-

moreland county, their land bordering the Kishimmitas river. William and Sarah Trimble had issue: Colonel James Harvey, see forward; Thomas, a "forty-niner," died in California in 1898; John, died on the old Westmoreland county homestead; Alice, never married; Caroline, married a Mr. Blair; Jane, married a Mr. Purvis, and lived in Iowa; Maria, married a Mr. McWhorter.

Colonel James Harvey Trimble was born near Livermore, Salem township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 21, 1814, died June 9, 1897. He grew to manhood at the home farm, married and on his wedding trip visited the state of Iowa. That country pleased him so well that he purchased a farm near Des Moines and there remained a few years. He then sold out and returned to the state of Pennsylvania, about the time of the outbreak of the Civil War. From a youth of eighteen he had been a member of the Pennsylvania militia, rising to the rank of major and ever being deeply interested in military affairs. At the outbreak of the war he aided in recruiting men in Westmoreland and began his own military career on August 11, 1861, when he enlisted and was chosen captain of Company C, Fourth Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry. During his first three-year term of enlistment he participated in many battles, received slight wounds in several of them but did not sustain serious injury. He re-enlisted, September 16, 1864, and from that date until the end of the war was a regularly commissioned colonel of the Second Pennsylvania Regiment, Second Brigade, Fifth Division, Ninth Army Corps of the Army of the Potomac. As captain he led his men at the battles of Fort Donaldson, Pea Ridge, Hampton Roads, Newbern, Shiloh, Island No. 10, before Richmond, Antietam, Corinth, Prairie Grove, Fredericksburg, Murfreesboro, Chancellorsville, Port Gibson, Vicksburg, Gettysburg, Chickamauga, Brandy Station and Knoxville. As colonel of the Second Regiment he was engaged at the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Resaca, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Winchester and Appomattox, witnessing the final surrender of Lee's army. His career was a glorious one and he returned to civil life full of honors. After the war he located in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where he operated a general store and engaged in other local enterprises. He there took an active interest in politics but ever refused office for himself, although ardent in his support of the Republican party and its candidates. In 1875 he retired from business, moved to McKeesport and there spent the remainder of his useful life. When a youth he joined the Salem Presbyterian Church and was ever a devoted member of that faith, as was his wife.

Colonel Trimble married Margaret Stevenson, born near Latrobe, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1835, died June 6, 1899, daughter of William Stevenson, a weaver of linen. After coming to America with his three youngest brothers, he established the first fulling mill west of the Allegheny Mountains, in western Pennsylvania. One of his brothers, Francis, became a hardware merchant of Pittsburgh, the other settled at Little Washington, Pennsylvania, Washington and Jefferson College being built on land he owned. A sister of these brothers married a Mr. McCreight and lived in

the Ligonier Valley. William Stevenson continued linen manufacture until late in life, when he retired to a farm in Westmoreland county.

Children of Colonel James Harvey and Margaret (Stevenson) Trimble: 1. Isabella, married John Hutchinson, whom she survives, a resident of McKeesport. 2. Anna, deceased. 3. William S., superintendent of the Carnegie Steel Mills at East Pittsburgh; resides in McKeesport. 4. Albert, a retired resident of McKeesport. 5. Eleanor, a resident of McKeesport. 6. Harvey, a resident of Port Vue, Pennsylvania. 7. Howard, a resident of McKeesport. 8. J. Noble, assistant cashier of the City Bank, McKeesport. 9. Harriet T., wife of Dr. Albert T. Zeller, of previous mention. Children of Dr. and Mrs. Zeller: 1. Cyril Theodore, born August 18, 1899, now a student at McKeesport High School. 2. Beatrice Trimble, born September 14, 1901. 3. Albert Noble, born February 25, 1904.

PIERCE

This is a good old English name, dating from a remote period, and is widely distributed throughout the United States in its various form of spelling—Pierce, Pairce, Pearce—the original form of the name being Pers. There is every reason for believing that some of its bearers, if not all of them, derive their origin from the ancient Percy family of Northumberland, England, the Hotspurs of the North. Several genealogies have been written about the different American branches, but owing to the destruction of early records it is a matter of some difficulty to make exact connection in every case.

(I) Lewis Pierce, the first of this branch of the Pierce family of whom we have record, was of English descent, and was a farmer near Monongahela City, Washington county, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and a man of considerable influence in the community in which he resided.

(II) Amos Pierce, son of Lewis Pierce, was born on a farm near Monongahela City, Washington county, Pennsylvania, April 17, 1796, and died February 20, 1867. He was a farmer, and in 1840 built a fine brick house on the McKillip farm which had been inherited by his wife, and this house is still used as a residence. Later he bought ninety acres of adjoining land, on Peter's creek, and on this he lived until his death. He was a very successful man in the treatment of cancerous diseases, and his patients came from far and near. In politics he was a strong Republican, and was a leading spirit in local public affairs. His religious allegiance was given to the United Presbyterian Church, and it was largely owing to his personal efforts that the Jefferson United Presbyterian Church was erected. He married Deborah McKillip, who was the only daughter of her parents who lived beyond infancy, and as her only brother, James, died in young manhood, she was their sole heir. She was born December 8, 1790, and died April 12, 1875; she was reared strictly in the faith of the Covenanters, and later joined the United Presbyterian Church.

(III) James M. Pierce, son of Amos and Deborah (McKillip) Pierce,

was born in Jefferson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1840, and died in 1884. His early years were spent in his native township, but later he purchased a farm of one hundred and forty acres, in Lincoln township, in the same county, where he resided until his death. He married (first) Mary Kadoo, born in Snowden township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1832, died in 1854 a daughter of Thomas Kadoo of English descent. He was a farmer and also ran a distillery, and when the temperance wave struck the country in the fifties, he converted his distillery into a grist mill, and operated this for many years. He was an elder and leader in the Presbyterian Church, and died at the age of eighty-five years, his wife dying at the age of eighty-four years. Mr. Pierce married (second) Sarah Boyd, now living at Boston, Pennsylvania. By the first marriage there were children: Mary Agnes, married Captain James Large, and lives at Duquesne Heights, Pennsylvania; Amos McKillip, of further mention; Thomas J. Kadoo, lives on a farm in Jefferson township, married Elizabeth Stewart. Children by second marriage: John Boyd, lives on the farm in Lincoln township, married Martha Wilson; Louis, has a general and dairy farm in Lincoln township, married Martha Kerr; Martha D., a school teacher, lives with her mother.

(IV) Amos McKillip Pierce, son of James M. and Mary (Kadoo) Pierce, was born in Watertown, Washington county, Ohio, September 23, 1850. He was very young when he was taken to the farm of his grandfather in Jefferson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there attended the district school, and later studied at Mount Union College. He then commenced reading medicine in the office of Dr. J. K. Van Kirk, and finally matriculated at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in the class of 1876 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He at once commenced his medical practice at West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, where he has now been located for a period of thirty-eight years, having won not alone the confidence of his numerous patients, but their sincere affection as well, for he is not alone a physician to them but also a sympathetic friend and a cheerful helper in all time of trouble. He is a Republican in political matters, and has served as a member of the council of West Elizabeth, and of the school board for twenty years, and has been president of the local board of health. He has acted as United States pension examiner. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian Church, in which he has been an elder for a quarter of a century. He is a member of the Allegheny County Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the McKeesport Academy of Medicine. In 1900 he erected a fine brick residence for himself in West Elizabeth.

Dr. Pierce married, January 4, 1882, Mary Eleanor Heath, born in Jefferson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 17, 1859, and they have one child: Glenn McKillip, born June 10, 1886. He studied at Westminster College, from which he went to Harvard Medical College, from which he was graduated, and has now been in practice of his profession

at McKeesport for the past four years. He married Blanche E. Heslyn, and has one child, Doris, born October 25, 1913.

Samuel Heath, grandfather of Mrs. Pierce, was of Scotch-Irish descent, and his early years were spent in the state of New Jersey. He was a soldier in the Continental army during the War of the Revolution, and after his marriage at an early age, he went west to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he took up a large tract of land in Jefferson township. He was a Baptist in religious faith. He married Elizabeth Lichens.

Henry Heath, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Lichens) Heath, was born in Jefferson township, in November, 1809, and died November 24, 1876. He inherited his father's farm of two hundred and fifty acres, and spent his entire life there. He was a strong supporter of the Republican party, and was known as Squire Heath. He and his wife were Presbyterians. He married (first) Sarah Ann Parkinson, born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1827, died June 4, 1859, a daughter of Washington and Sarah Ann (Kinney) Parkinson, early settlers in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he was a wealthy farmer. He also had the contract of hauling between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, making this laborious trip over the mountains. Mr. Heath married (second) in 1871, Susan Cochran. Children, all of the first marriage: Sarah, died at the age of three years; Elizabeth, died at the age of one and a half years; William Henry, lived in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, on a farm, and died in 1894; Mary Eleanor, who married Dr. Pierce, as above mentioned.

KINLOUGH

Ireland has furnished to this country a great number of our most patriotic and public-spirited citizens, men who have been willing to sacrifice their lives if necessary for the preservation of the Union, and numbered among this vast number was the late Martin Kinlough, who was a resident of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, for twelve years, active in community affairs, esteemed and honored by all who knew him.

Michael Kinlough, father of Martin Kinlough, was a native of Ireland, there spent his life and there died in the year 1846. After his death his widow, Sarah (Murphy) Kinlough, accompanied her son, Martin, to Birmingham, England, and there resided until her death in the year 1879. She was the mother of three other children, namely: Patrick, William, Sallie, died in infancy.

Martin Kinlough was born in county Mayo, Ireland, September 27, 1832, died in McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1889. He was reared and educated in his native land, after which he served an apprenticeship at the blacksmith trade, becoming a thorough and practical workman. At the age of fourteen years, when deprived by death of his father, he went to Birmingham, England, as aforementioned, and there worked at his trade for twenty years, assuming the responsibility of looking after his mother and brothers, quite a hard task for one of tender years, but it served to strengthen his character and make him thoughtful as nothing

else would have done. Later he emigrated to the United States, locating in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he worked as a blacksmith helper for a number of years, then removed to St. Louis, Missouri, where he remained for about five years, then returned to Pittsburgh, and about the year 1877 took up his residence in McKeesport, there spending the remainder of his days. He worked in a number of places, and traveled considerably, thus adding greatly to his knowledge of men and affairs. He was successful in his business, accumulating considerable capital which he wisely invested in real estate, and at the time of his death was the owner of considerable property in McKeesport. He was a communicant of the Catholic Church, and a Democrat in politics. He married, in England, Mary Coan, born in county Mayo, Ireland, 1840, died in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1913, they having been early sweethearts, growing up together, and being greatly devoted to each other throughout their entire lives. They were the parents of nine children, three of whom died in infancy, the others being as follows: 1. Mollie, wife of Thomas Wood, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania. 2. Michael, a resident of McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 3. Catharine J., who now owns the homestead of her parents located at No. 718 Ridge street, McKeesport; she devoted her life to the care of her parents, being ever thoughtful of their comfort and welfare; she is a great reader, being well versed in history, and she expects in the near future to augment this knowledge by travel, anticipating a visit to Birmingham, England, her birthplace, also to Ireland where her parents were born; her father was fourteen years of age at the time of the great famine in Ireland, when so many people died of starvation in the streets, other countries furnishing meal which was only fit to be fed to cattle. 4. Ellen, widow of Samuel Walker, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 5. John, a resident of McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 6. William, a resident of McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

GALWAY

William Galway is a member of an Irish family, and himself a native of Ireland, representative of the best type of his countrymen, who have contributed so desirable an element to the complex fabric of American citizenship. His father was also William Galway, a native of county Antrim, Ireland, who passed his entire life in that picturesque and romantic region of a picturesque and romantic country. He was married to Johanah McMeekim, a native of county Antrim, Ireland, who with her husband lived and died in her native land.

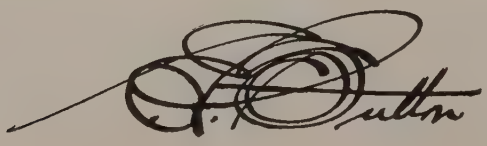
William Galway, son of William and Johanah (McMeekim) Galway, was born December 23, 1847, in county Antrim, Ireland, and passed his childhood and young manhood there, receiving his education in the schools of his native region. His youth happened upon a very stormy period in Ireland's history. When he was about ten years old the famous Fenian brotherhood was founded in America among a group of Irishmen in this country, having at heart the independence of Ireland. The membership of the society rapidly grew and by the time Mr. Galway was approaching manhood, it had spread largely over the two countries, America and Ireland.

In 1867, when he was twenty years of age, occurred the great Fenian rising, in which he participated, coming into contact with the romantic figure of O'Donovan Rosa. This strange personality was of the well known family of the O'Donovans of Rosa, but the name of his district clung to him and he was always popularly known by its appellation. O'Donovan Rosa was the first home rule candidate for the British parliament and the campaign and his eventual election were the occasion of violence and rioting of every description. Mr. Galway was present at these scenes and took part in the disturbances. Rosa was ousted from parliament on the grounds that his election had been brought about by unfair and violent means, and he served a term of imprisonment in an English prison and was under sentence of death. The latter sentence was commuted by Queen Victoria on condition that he leave the British Isles forever. The condition was accepted and Rosa came to the United States, where he passed the remainder of his life. In 1873 Mr. Galway came to America, and made his home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His first employment set him to work on the Keystone Bridge, but he soon secured a position on the Pittsburgh police force, first as a patrolman and later as lieutenant. He then left this service and found work as a conductor on a street car. After spending upwards of nineteen years in Pittsburgh, Mr. Galway removed to Aspinwall, Pennsylvania, and there entered the police force of the town. He served for a time as patrol man and was then promoted to be chief of police for the town. Still later he was offered and accepted the post which he now fills, that of chief of the police force of the great steel works of the Spang and Chalfant Company at Etna, Pennsylvania. He entered into the duties of his new office in 1912. Mr. Galway's character fit him well for the performance of the duties of his post, which is no sinecure. His character is naturally courageous, and he is descended from a long line of Scotch-Irish ancestry which has through long years become accustomed to facing danger. His uncle, Samuel Galway, was a sergeant in the Royal Artillery and was killed at Alma.

Mr. Galway married, in 1873, Nora Lyons. Mr. and Mrs. Galway are the parents of six children, as follows: William A., Samuel R., J. M., Calvin Knox, Clifford, Harold L. Mr. Galway was reared in the United Presbyterian Church, and is still an ardent member, training his children in the same belief.

SUTTON

Edward L. Sutton, M. D., is a member of an old Pennsylvania family, being descended on both sides of the house from old residents of the state, men who were pioneers in the region west of the great Appalachian highlands. His paternal grandfather was John Sutton, a native of Butler county in the days when it was but sparsely settled, but passing his entire life there and rearing his children. One of his sons, Jacob Sutton, the father of Dr. Edward L. Sutton, was born in that region in the year 1852 and passed his childhood there, being educated in the local public schools. He became a mechanical engineer and removed to McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and later to the



city of Allegheny, where he followed his profession and eventually died. His death occurred in the year 1911, and his widow is still living in their home in Allegheny. In politics Mr. Sutton was a Republican, and keenly interested in all questions, whether of general or local bearing. He and Mrs. Sutton were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and attended the Old Manchester Church standing on Market street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Sutton married, December 24, 1861, Susanah Montgomery, a native of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where she was born January 13, 1842. Mrs. Sutton was a daughter of John and Mary Montgomery, early settlers of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where both eventually died. To Mr. and Mrs. Sutton there were born ten children in all, of which, however, five died in infancy or early childhood. The five who attained maturity were as follows: Harry; Clemence; Wisley, deceased 1910; Edward L., of whom further; Mary Montgomery.

Dr. Edward L. Sutton, son of Jacob B. and Susanah (Montgomery) Sutton, was born September 27, 1878, in the "North Side" of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He passed his childhood in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and there received the elementary portion of his education, attending both the local public schools and the Park Institute Night School, also had private tutoring. At the age of twelve and a half years he was compelled to leave school and secured a position in a real estate office where he remained for one year, at which time he began as office boy at Carnegie Steel Company, during the famous Homestead strike. With strict application and perseverance he worked his way into various positions, until he became order clerk, at the same time studying at night in preparation for school. Becoming restless, feeling that he had not met his life work, he left for college in the year 1898, attending Allegheny College, Meadville, two years. During the time that he was pursuing his general studies in these institutions, he determined to devote his time to the study of a profession, and decided upon medicine. He accordingly matriculated in the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, and there remained during three and a half years taking the prescribed courses. He then went to the University of Maryland, and finished his technical training there, graduating with the class of 1905, from the medical department of that institution. The year following his graduation, he went to Bellevue, Pennsylvania, where he has ever since lived, and here at once established himself in the general practice of his profession. This practice, successful from the first, has continued ever since to grow, until now it is both large and lucrative. Dr. Sutton is a member of the Allegheny County and Ohio Valley Medical societies. Besides his professional duties and interests, onerous as these are, Dr. Sutton finds time to identify himself with the life of the community in other aspects. He is a member of Bellevue Lodge, No. 530, Free and Accepted Masons; Bellevue Chapter, No. 287, Royal Arch Masons; Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, Knights Templar; Royal Arcanum and the Modern Woodmen of America. In politics Dr. Sutton is a Republican, and he takes a keen interest in all questions whether of a local or more general application.

Dr. Sutton married, April 9, 1907, Catherine Louise Mussler, a native of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, born September 13, 1883. Mrs. Sutton is a daughter of Louis K. and Katherine (Keisch) Mussler, of Allegheny, Pennsylvania. To Dr. and Mrs. Sutton has been born one child, a son, Robert Lexington, July 25, 1909. Dr. and Mrs. Sutton are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and are rearing their son in that persuasion.

Dr. Sutton stands in the first rank of his profession in Bellevue and the surrounding district, and besides his personal practice holds honorable and important posts. He is on the staff of the Suburban General Hospital, and assistant staff member of the Presbyterian Hospital of the "North Side," Pittsburgh.

FRITCHIE

Many of the residents of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, claim Germany as their birthplace, and among this vast number must be mentioned Charles E. Fritchie, born in Germany, November 5, 1838, son of Godfried and Wilhelmina (Fiedler) Fritchie, both of whom were born, lived and died in Germany.

Charles E. Fritchie received an excellent education in the schools of his native land, and he remained there until the year 1865 when he came to this country, locating in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, securing employment with the Pennsylvania Railroad, with which corporation he remained until 1870, and then embarked in the hotel business, which line of work he successfully followed for twenty-eight years. For the past eight years he has lived retired from active pursuits, residing at No. 510 Flagler street. He is a self-made man in the truest sense of the word, having no capital when he took up his residence in McKeesport, neither influential friends to assist him, and at the present time (1914) is the owner of the attractive house in which he resides, six dwelling houses in the borough of Liberty, also eighty lots, which are constantly increasing in value. The success which attended his efforts is solely the result of hard and unremitting toil and a steadfast determination to win the goal he desired. His only regret is that he was not in this country in time to actively participate in the struggle for the abolition of slavery. He is a stockholder in the City and National banks of McKeesport. He is a member of the German Protestant Church, located on Walnut street, McKeesport, and an Independent in politics, not being hampered in the casting of his vote by party affiliation.

Mr. Fritchie married, in East Pittsburgh (then Braddock), Pennsylvania, in 1868, Louise Zuber, a native of Germany, coming to this country from Heidelberg. They were the parents of seven children, three of whom died in infancy, and the others being as follows: Edward, deceased; Frank, deceased; Albert, resides in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, married Minnie Klein and has two children: Harold and Louise, and an adopted child, Erna; Lisetta, at home. The deaths of Edward and Frank, who had both attained years of manhood, although unmarried, was a severe blow to their parents; they were both devoted to their parents, were great lovers of good literature, well read on many topics, especially in current events.

Mr. Fritchie, although well advanced in years, takes an active interest in all that pertains to the welfare of the community, and is held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends.

TODD AND CRICK

James Ray Todd was one of the early settlers of Beaver county, Pennsylvania. In his early years he was a tanner by trade and lived in Rochester, Beaver county, but he later became a farmer, and continued in this occupation until the year of his death, 1907. He was a Republican in politics, a man who took an alert interest in the questions of the day, especially in the conduct of local affairs. He and his family were members of the United Presbyterian Church. He married Margerette E. Campbell, a native of Raccoon township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Phoebe (Mercer) Campbell, also early settlers in that region. Mr. Campbell met with an accident which caused his death, but was survived by his widow until the year 1892, when she died at the advanced age of ninety-two, her birth having taken place in the year 1800. Mr. Todd's marriage to Miss Campbell was celebrated in Raccoon township, and to them were born five children, as follows: Wilhelmina, deceased; William Campbell; Addison; Harry B., of whom forward; Lula. Mr. Todd's death occurred in the year 1907 and he is survived by Mrs. Todd, now a resident of Chester, West Virginia.

Harry B. Todd, the fourth child of James Ray and Margerette E. (Campbell) Todd, was born November 17, 1878, in Raccoon township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania. His childhood was spent on his father's farm, and his education was obtained at the local public schools. Upon completing his studies there, he learned the trade of tinner, going to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, for that purpose. He remained in that city for three years, and in 1907, the year of his father's death, he removed to Avalon, Pennsylvania, and secured a position with O. P. Springer, with whom he was employed for a term of three and a half years. At the end of this time Mr. Todd decided upon embarking upon a venture of his own, and accordingly withdrew from his association with Mr. Springer and established a business in roofing and furnace work on his own account. He took into partnership with him Mr. John A. Crick, a sketch of whose family appears in connection with the present article, the name of the firm being now H. B. Todd & Company. The enterprise was successful from the start, and the concern is now doing a large and flourishing business. Besides his activity in the mercantile world, Mr. Todd plays a prominent part in the life of the community generally, and is identified with its interests in many ways. In politics he is a Republican, taking a keen and intelligent interest in questions both of general and local import. He is a member of the Order of Independent Americans.

Mr. Todd married, December 9, 1904, Lottie Hall, a native of Roane county, West Virginia, daughter of Perry Hall. To Mr. and Mrs. Todd have been born four children, as follows: Virginia, Wilbert, Edith, Marylee,

all of whom are living. In the year 1908 Mr. Todd built a handsome residence for himself and family at No. 751 Semple avenue, Avalon, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Todd are members of the Lutheran Church, and in this belief are rearing their children.

John A. Crick, a partner of Harry B. Todd, in the firm of H. B. Todd & Company, is a member of one of the old pioneer families of Western Pennsylvania. His paternal great-grandfather was Jacob Crick, a native of Germany, who in the early days of immigration arrived in this country from his native land, and settled in Clarion county, Pennsylvania. To him and his wife, Rachel Crick, were born eight children, as follows: John, David, Daniel, Henry, Susan, Betsey, Lewis, Christin. The seventh of these children, Lewis Crick, was educated in the Clarion county public schools, and later learned the carpenter's trade. He lived all his life in Clarion county, and there plied his trade. His death occurred when he was but thirty-seven years of age. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics a Republican. He married Nancy Wilson, whose parents were pioneers of Clarion county, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Crick were born seven children, as follows: Clara, deceased; Sarah; Mary; Robert C., of whom forward; David, deceased; Bell, deceased; Bird.

Robert C. Crick, fourth child of Lewis and Nancy (Wilson) Crick, and father of the present Mr. Crick, was born August 3, 1860, at Rimersburg, Clarion county, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the schools of his native place, and following in his father's footsteps, he learned the carpenter's trade. He did not persevere in this occupation, but engaged in the oil business, remaining in the Bradford oil fields for six years, and then in the Washington county oil fields seven years longer. In 1897 he came to Avalon, Pennsylvania, and in the same year built for himself a handsome house. Mr. Crick is a member of the Republican party and an active man in politics, having served his fellow citizens in the capacity of a member of the police force and as a member of the street commission, the former for five and the latter for eight years. Mr. Crick is also active in the social and fraternal life of the town, being a member of the Order of Independent Americans, and of the Knights of the Maccabees. His membership in the latter organization has continued for twenty-five years. Mr. Crick is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Crick married, December, 1883, Margaret Aminda Culbertson, a native of Clarion county, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Crick have been born three children, as follows: Clara, now Mrs. George Morland; Frances, now Mrs. William Scott and the mother of one son, Robert Wesley Scott; John A., of whom forward.

John A. Crick, the third and youngest child of Robert C. and Margaret Aminda (Culbertson) Crick, was born July 25, 1891, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and passed his childhood in the oil fields of that region. While he was still young, however, his parents removed to Avalon, their present home, and took him with them, and it was here that he received his education

in the local public schools. After the completion of his studies, he entered into partnership with Mr. Harry B. Todd, and with him formed the firm of H. B. Todd & Company, engaged in roofing and furnace work. The firm is most successful. Mr. Crick has been reared in the Presbyterian Church. He is very active in the life of his town, and takes a prominent part in politics there as a member of the Republican party. He is also a member of the Order of Independent Americans. Mr. Crick is unmarried.

AMRHEIN

Frank (Franz) Amrhein was born in Bavaria, Germany, and was in his early youth when he emigrated to this country. He settled in Lower St. Clair township, and his first employment was as a mine worker. He had learned the plasterer's trade in Germany, and from that drifted into the glass business. Finally he purchased a small garden, and followed gardening as an occupation until his death. He was independent in political opinion, and he and his wife were members of St. Michael's Church, but later became charter members of St. Joseph's Church, which was organized in St. Clair borough, and retained their membership in this church until it was cut off by death. They also belonged to several church societies, and were active in their interests. Mr. Amrhein married Barbara Hirsh, who also came to America in her youth, and they had children: Father Joseph, first consulter of the Passionist Order in Rome; Elizabeth, died in infancy; Francis A., of further mention; Jacob, born in March, 1863, died at the age of eighteen years; Andrew, of further mention.

Francis A. Amrhein, son of Frank and Barbara (Hirsh) Amrhein, was born May 4, 1861. He was educated in St. Joseph's Parochial School. Upon leaving this he obtained employment in the glass works, and then entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, remaining for a period of ten years, being employed to assist in handling the mail. In 1896, in partnership with his brother, Andrew, he established himself in the wagon building business at No. 2215 Jane street, South Side, Pittsburgh, and has been identified with this industry since that time. They started the business in a modest way, in a shop only twenty by forty feet, increased this to eighty feet, and later to one hundred and twenty feet. Still later they added another story to their building, and used this addition for a paint shop. They have an average of seven men in their employ, but it is frequently necessary to increase this working force. Their wagons are shipped all over the western part of the state of Pennsylvania. Their wagon repair shop is conducted on a proportionate scale. He is a Republican politically, and has served four years as treasurer of the borough. He lives in a beautiful house at No. 128 Clover street, St. Clair borough. He and his brother Andrew were among the organizers and charter members of St. Henry's Church, and had it not been for their activities it is doubtful whether the church would have been successfully organized. At one time they assumed a large financial risk, but by their excellent management the undertaking prospered and it is now a parish in excellent standing. For many years he

has been a member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, and has served as its financial secretary, and he is a member of the Knights of St. George. Mr. Amrhein married, September 18, 1886, Mary Louise Seubert, born in Allegheny, a daughter of Sebastian and Mary Seubert, both deceased. Children: Gertrude Barbara, Hilda, who died at the age of fourteen months; Mary Louisa, George, Francis.

Andrew Amrhein, son of Frank and Barbara (Hirsh) Amrhein, was born in Lower St. Clair township, now St. Clair borough, December 4, 1865. He acquired his education at St. Joseph's Parochial School, and upon leaving this was apprenticed to learn the trade of wagon building and blacksmithing. This apprenticeship was passed on Eighth street. He then worked at his trade elsewhere for five and a half years, and then associated himself in business with his brother Francis A., as mentioned in the preceding paragraph. He is a Republican in politics, and has served one term of four years in the St. Clair borough council. He is president of Branch No. 211, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association; a member of the Knights of St. George, the Order of Moose, and a Benefit Society. Mr. Amrhein married, in 1891, Catherine Kirsch, born in Lower St. Clair township, a daughter of Jacob and Margaret Kirsch, very early residents of the township. Children: Frank Joseph, in business with his father, is financial secretary of Branch No. 211, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association; Hilda Anna, died at the age of twenty months; Mary Louisa, Joseph Frank, Andrew John, Jacob Adam, Catherine Mary, Margaret Susanna, Aloysius Peter, William Anthony.

FAST

Michigan was the birthplace of Fred L. Fast, but Ohio was formerly the home of the family. In Jefferson county, Ohio, Benjamin F. Fast was born, and was educated for the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Mount Union College, graduating from that institution a member of the second class to receive diplomas. He was active in the ministry for but a short time. He then entered business life as a merchant in Michigan, later returned to Ohio and there engaged in mercantile dealings until his death. Successful in business, he won respect and regard from those with whom he associated, and lived a life active and useful, his every relation to his fellows upright and honorable.

Benjamin F. Fast married Nancy E. Filson, born in Jefferson county, Ohio, daughter of Robert and Caroline (Gillespie) Filson, of Stark county, Ohio, her mother a daughter of James Blaine Gillespie, a relative of James G. Blaine, the well-known statesman. Children of Benjamin F. and Nancy E. (Filson) Fast: 1. Frank R., of Mansfield, Ohio. 2. Fred L., of whom further. 3. Hallie M., married a Mr. Cowan, and lives in Butler, Pennsylvania. 4. Harry G., of Ben Avon, Pennsylvania. 5. Josephine A., of Emsworth, Pennsylvania.

Fred L. Fast, son of Benjamin F. and Nancy E. (Filson) Fast, was born in Michigan, and was educated in the public schools of Alliance, Ohio. His studies at an end, he became a clerk in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at Alliance, and was afterward transferred to the company's

offices in Pittsburgh, in the engineering department. In 1905 Mr. Fast resigned from the railroad service, and established in independent business as a stock and bond broker, having resided in Glenosborne, Pennsylvania, since 1904. The securities that he has handled have been of a uniformly high standard, and through reliable service and straightforward transactions he has won and holds the trust and confidence of a large patronage. Mr. Fast is well-known in fraternal circles, belonging to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to lodge, chapter, and council of the Masonic Order. He is identified with the Republican party, and has participated in local politics. He married, in February, 1892, Ada M. Bevington, and is the father of John F. and Fred L. Jr.

HAYS

General Alexander Hays was born at Franklin, Venango county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1819. He was the fifth child and the fourth son of Samuel and Agnes (Broadfoot) Hays. This worthy couple had six children, viz.: Eleanor, John Broadfoot, David Brown, Samuel B., Alexander (the subject of this memoir), and James P. Mrs. Agnes Hays, the mother of these children, died in November, 1839. Samuel Hays, the father, died at his home in Franklin, July 6, 1868, in his eighty-fifth year. Samuel Hays, known in his home community as General Hays from his commission and service as such in the early Pennsylvania militia, was a man of high standing. Born in county Donegal, Ireland, September 10, 1783; at the age of seven, with his mother, Mrs. Eleanor Hays, he emigrated to the United States and located in Venango county, Pennsylvania, then an almost unbroken forest just opening to settlement. Eleanor Hays died in 1822. General Samuel Hays served as treasurer and sheriff of Venango county and in both branches of the general assembly of Pennsylvania, and was elected to the twenty-eighth congress of the United States, entering that body in 1843. He later served as United States marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania, and was associate judge of Venango county, and all these positions he filled with honor and integrity.

On his maternal side Alexander Hays was of Scotch lineage, the Broadfoot family having come to Pennsylvania early in the last century, and they, too, found a home in its northwestern corner. The family name is chiefly known and localized in Wigtonshire, though frequently met with in other parts of Scotland. The Broadfoots were a numerous family that came from a distinguished Scotch ancestry, of which they were very proud.

Alexander Hays received a common school education in his native town, and later entered Allegheny College at Meadville. Subsequently he received an appointment as cadet in the Military Academy at West Point, where he graduated in 1844, and where he had been the fellow student of U. S. Grant and Winfield S. Hancock. Immediately on leaving West Point he was assigned to duty, with the brevet of second lieutenant, in the Fourth Infantry, to which U. S. Grant also belonged. The Mexican war breaking

out about this time, his regiment was among the first to advance upon the enemy's territory, and in the battles of Palo Alto and Resaca de la Palma, Lieutenant Hays captured, in connection with Lieutenant Woods, likewise a Pennsylvanian, the first gun wrested from the enemy. In this engagement he received a wound in the leg, and in recognition of his gallantry in these actions he was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, and transferred to the Eighth Infantry. His wound unfitting him for active duty, he was sent on recruiting service to Western Pennsylvania, where he soon enlisted a battalion of five hundred men from the hardy pioneers of that region, and rejoined the army at Vera Cruz, participating in all the engagements until the end of the Mexican war. His list of battles numbered twenty, ending at Zacultapan.

On the restoration of peace, Lieutenant Hays resigned his commission in the army and engaged in civil pursuits. His education at West Point made him a skilled engineer, and the country just then awakening to the importance of railroad construction, had need of his services. While engaged on an extensive work in bridge engineering for the Allegheny Valley Railroad, Fort Sumter was fired on. Without waiting to finish his work, he laid it aside, saying to his wife as he did so, "That kind of work is now ended. My country calls, and I must hasten to the field." He enlisted in a militia company in Pittsburgh, known as the City Guard, of which he was chosen captain. This company became part of the Twelfth Regiment, for the three months' service, and Captain Hays was commissioned major. In the summer of 1861 he was appointed captain of the Sixteenth United States Infantry; at the close of the term of service of the Twelfth he returned home, and at once set about recruiting a regiment for the war. His companions of the old "City Guard" whom he had converted into real soldiers, followed him, and his regiment was designated the Sixty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, Major Hays being commissioned colonel. Its history is bright with laurels, and red with the blood of its decimated ranks. In a severe engagement at Second Bull Run, Colonel Hays, in leading his men up an embankment occupied by the enemy, was shot in the leg, and that limb badly shattered. His services in this and subsequent actions did not pass without recognition from the government. He was appointed and confirmed brigadier-general of volunteers, and lieutenant-colonel in the regular army.

Before General Hays had entirely recovered from his wound he was assigned to the command of the Third Brigade of Casey's Division, Twenty-second Corps, in charge of the defenses before and around Washington. During this time he was preparing his brigade for the eventful days of July, 1863, when the Fourth of '76 was re-endeared to our heart's affection, in the new baptism of blood and tears. On the third day of the battle of Gettysburg, General Hays, commanding the Third Division of the Second Army Corps, finds himself opposed to General Pickett and others of General Hays' classmates at West Point, and comrades of the Mexican war,

had been cannonading the opposing lines for some time without effect; then moves his troops across the field, thinking, no doubt, that his veterans will drive these raw militia like chaff before the wind. But they meet General Hays and his veterans; he has put fight into them. He restrains himself and his men until the enemy is at close quarters. Then the word is "Up and at them!" His rapid, well-directed volleys sent the column reeling in confusion back upon its rear and center. A hurricane, charged with lead and fire and death consumes them. The battle was won. This was the decisive charge, and General Hays was a hero among the heroes of Gettysburg. He takes from the enemy that day twenty-two regimental banners or battle flags, three thousand stand of arms, and captures about twice the number of his command. Out of sixteen mounted orderlies he has but two left. He has lost all of his colonels; lieutenant-colonels command brigades; lieutenants command regiments. Two of his horses are killed under him; his entire staff is unhorsed. Their steeds lie dead where they fell, or are in their last agonies.

A correspondent of a Buffalo newspaper, himself a soldier, and who was upon that fatal hill when the battle was at its height, beholding the deeds of valor of this brave leader, and his fearlessness when the very air seemed freighted with danger, thus described him:

I wish you could have seen the picture, just at the close of last Friday's battle, on the left of our centre, of which his splendid figure formed a prominent part. Our little brigade, which had been lying on Cemetery Hill, was ordered over to the position that was so valiantly but unsuccessfully charged by Pettigrew's rebel division. We hurried there through a storm of shot and shell, but only arrived in time to see the grand finale, the tableau vivants, and, alas, morants, at the close of the drama. The enemy's batteries were still playing briskly, and their sharpshooters kept up a lively fire, but their infantry, slain and wounded and routed, were pouring, prisoners, into our lines throughout their whole extent. Then enter Alexander Hays, brigadier-general United States Army, the brave American soldier. Six feet or more in height, erect and smiling, lightly holding in hand his horse—the third within an hour, a noble animal, his flanks be-spattered with blood, he seized a captured rebel flag, handing one to each of his aides, David Shields and George P. Corts, all three dashing along in front of our division line, trailing ignominiously in the dust the enemy's flags, now rushing out in the open field, a mark for a hundred sharpshooters, but never touched, now quietly cantering back to our lines to be welcomed with a storm of cheers. I reckon him the grandest view of my life. I bar not Niagara. It was the arch spirit of glorious Victory triumphing wildly over the fallen foe. It is not my good fortune to be personally acquainted with this General Alexander Hays, but I wish everyone, as far as I can effect it, to honor him as the bravest of soldiers, and love him as the best-hearted of men. A true chevalier he must be, sans peur et sans reproche. It seems miraculous that General Hays escaped unharmed.

The character of General Hays was manifested in the letter acknowledging the receipt of a magnificent sword, presented him by the citizens of Pittsburgh, a few months after the battle of Gettysburg, in which he says:

When the rebellion broke upon us like a tornado, in the desecration of our flag at Sumter, I took oath never to sheath my sword until honorable peace should restore us to one glorious Union.

General Walker, in his "History of the Second Army Corps," thus speaks of General Hays at Gettysburg:

Here was to be seen the new division commander, General Alexander Hays, with his staff and his flag following him, dashing along the skirmish line, inciting his men to renewed activity, in the eye of both armies. Such demonstations which, with General Hays, were of frequent occurrence, were likely to give the impression

that he was a mere hot-headed fighter; whereas, in fact, his extraordinary vivacity in battle was united with a soundness of judgment and firmness of temper which made him one of the most useful officers in the service.

Of the Confederate battle flags captured, General Hancock's official report of the battle of Gettysburg is quoted: "There were undoubtedly thirty-three colors captured." Of these General Alexander Hays' command, the Third Division of the Second Army Corps, captured twenty-two. In all the subsequent battles of the Army of the Potomac, General Hays took an active part, with no less honors than he received at Gettysburg. On the first day of May, 1864, the Army of the Potomac marched into the Wilderness. Here was fought one of the most desperate battles of the war. On the 5th of May, General Hays, then in command of the survivors of Kearney's old division of heroes, occupying the key to Grant's position, was shot through the head, not dying for three hours, so wonderful was his vitality. Of his death a few of the reports of officers who witnessed the battle are quoted:

In General Hancock's official report of the battle of the Wilderness, he says:

> General Alexander Hays, that dauntless soldier, whose intrepid and chivalric bearing on so many battlefields had won for him the highest renown, was killed at the head of his command.

General Grant, in his Personal Memoirs, speaking of the death of his old classmate, says:

> One of our most gallant commanders, General Alexander Hays, was killed. I had been with him at West Point, and had served with him through the Mexican war. He was a most gallant officer, ready to lead his command wherever ordered. With him it was 'Come, boys,' not 'Go.'

The death of General Hays is thus described by General Walker, in his History of the Second Army Corps:

> The losses had been heavy. Among the killed of that afternoon was General Alexander Hays. At Gettysburg, at Bristoe, at Mine Run, at Morton's Ford, this devoted officer rode, with his staff and flag behind him, the mark of a thousand riflemen, the admiration of the two armies, only to fall in a tangled wilderness, where scarce a regiment could note his person, and derive inspiration from his courage and martial enthusiasm. All the peculiar advantages of the Army of the Potomac were sacrificed in this jungle-fighting into which they were called to engage. Of what use here was the tactical skill and perfection of form; of what use here the example and the personal influence of a Hays or a Hancock?

In his "Campaigning with Grant," General Horace Porter says:

> The fighting had become exceedingly severe on that part of the field. General Alexander Hays, one of the most gallant officers in the service, commanding one of Hancock's divisions, finding that his line had broken, rushed forward to reorganize his troops, and was instantly killed. * * * After remaining some time with Hancock's men, I returned to headquarters to report the situation to the general-in-chief, and carry to him the sad intelligence of Hays' death. General Grant was by no means a demonstrative man, but upon learning the intelligence I brought, he was visibly affected. He was seated upon the ground with his back against a tree, still whittling pine sticks. He sat for a time without uttering a word, and then, speaking in a low voice, and pausing between the sentences, said "Hays and I were cadets together for three years. We served for a time in the same regiment in the Mexican war. He was a noble man and a gallant officer. I am not surprised that he met his death at the head of his troops; it was just like him. He was a man who would never follow, but would always lead in battle."

What more fitting tribute could be paid the memory of General Hays than that in the formal official report of his death:

The fighting became very fierce at once, the lines of battle being very close, the musketry continuous and deadly along the whole line. General Alexander Hays, an officer of distinguished gallantry, was killed at the head of his command.

The thoughts and feelings of General Hays just before entering upon that desperate conflict in the Wilderness, where he lost his life, were expressed in a letter written upon the morning on which the march commenced:

> This morning was beautiful, for
> Lightly and brightly shone the sun,
> As if the morn was a jocund one.

Although we were anticipating to march at 8 o'clock, it might have been an appropriate harbinger of the regeneration of mankind; but it only brought to remembrance, through the throats of many bugles, that duty enjoined upon each one, perhaps, before the setting sun, to lay down his life for his country.

The body of General Hays was brought to Pittsburgh and buried from the First Presbyterian Church with all the honors of war. Business was suspended and the city paid homage to the memory of one loved and admired by all. Soon after the close of the war a movement was inaugurated by the soldiers of General Hays' command to erect a memorial to his memory. In a short time sufficient funds had been collected to erect the monument which today marks his resting place. Other memorials have been erected to the memory of General Hays as follows: The monument in the public square in Franklin, Pennsylvania, his native place; that marking the spot where he fell in the Wilderness, Virginia; the bronze tablet placed by the city of Franklin in Cullom Memorial Hall, West Point; Victory Monument, West Point, and the magnificent Hays monument erected by the state of Pennsylvania on the site of the general's position on the Gettysburg battlefield. Two histories of Alexander Hays have been published: "Under the Red Patch," by Gilbert A. Hays, and "Life and Letters of Alexander Hays," by George T. Fleming and Gilbert A. Hays.

The following is a list of battles in which General Hays participated: Mexican War—Palo Alto, Resaca de la Palma, Santa Fe, Pasco de Orejas, National Bridge, Huamantla, El Penal, Pueblo, Atlixco, San Augustin de la Palma, Tehuacan, Galaxca, Flaxcala, Orizaba Cordova, Tulancingo, Zacultapan. Rebellion—1861-1865—Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Peach Orchard, White Oak Swamp, Glendale, Malvern, Bristoe (August, 1862), Bull Run, Groveton, Gettysburg, Auburn, Bristoe (October, 1863), Locust Grove, Mine Run Expedition, Morton's Ford and the Wilderness.

Alexander Hays and Annie Adams McFadden, daughter of John B. McFadden, of Pittsburgh, were married February 19, 1846. Of this union there were nine children: Agnes Milnor, John McF., died in infancy; Alden F., Rachel McF., Gilbert A., Allan N., died in infancy; Martha A., Alfred P., James M. Agnes Milnor Hays married George A. Gormly: children: Eleanor A., Samuel, Mary A., Edwin, died in infancy. Alden Farrelly Hays married (first) Lizzie Stucke, who died September 9, 1886, with her infant daughter; married (second) Augusta Ulrich, who died December 20, 1894, with her infant daughter; children: Martha A., James Byers, George A. Rachel McFadden Hays married John S. Sullivan; chil-

dren: Anne Eleanor, John S. Jr., died in infancy, and Alex. H. Gilbert Adams Hays married Sarah Fleming; children: Alexander, Fredericka F., Davis S., George F., Joseph Fleming, Gilbert McF., died in infancy; James M., John Alden, died young, and Elizabeth F. Martha Alden Hays married Robert Bruce Black; children: Alexander H., Margaret R., and Agnes A. Alfred Pearson Hays married (first) Mary Isabella Harper; she died October 31, 1895; married (second) Rachel E. Allen; one son, Alexander B. James McFadden Hays married Olive Byers; children: Frances Byers and Alden F.

SHIPLEY

The Shipley family is an old and honored one of Virginia, and is of German and French extraction. The successive generations have been most successfully engaged in various lines of industry, and have also proven their worth in professional lines.

(I) —— Shipley, lived and died in Rockingham county, Virginia, where he was a plantation owner and slave holder. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Among their children was Joseph N., of further mention.

(II) Joseph N. Shipley, son of the preceding, was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, in 1829, died October 2, 1912. He was engaged in farming in his native county until he was about forty years of age, and then became a boatman on the Chesapeake & Ohio canal. Soon afterward he became a lock tender at Two Locks, Maryland, filling this office for a period of twenty years. In 1892 he removed with his family to McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and lived in retirement there until his death. During the Civil War he was in active service in a Virginia regiment, and was wounded in the back by a piece of a shell. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mr. Shipley married Elizabeth Marie Hall, born in Rockingham county, Virginia, in 1836, died November 11, 1907. She also was descended from an old Virginia family. Mr. and Mrs. Shipley had children: Samuel P., deceased, was a heater in Wood's Rolling Mill, and lived in McKeesport; Lucy, married John Magrudder, lives in McKeesport; Isaac Van Doren, died at the age of twenty-eight years; Jefferson, died at the age of thirty-one years; Walter Edward, died at the age of thirty-two years; Lyda, married Louis L. Krebs, and lives in Jeannette, Pennsylvania; Ada, married Thomas Palmer, and lives in Seattle, Washington; William H., a butter and egg merchant in McKeesport; Joseph N., of further mention; David K., an electrician, lives in McKeesport.

(III) Joseph N. (2) Shipley, son of Joseph N. (1) and Elizabeth Marie (Hall) Shipley, was born at the village of Two Locks, Washington county, Maryland, May 28, 1876. He acquired his education in the public schools of his native place and McKeesport, Pennsylvania, coming to the latter town with his parents in 1892. His first business position was as an operator of a hydraulic crane in Wood's Rolling Mill, an occupation he followed two years, then was a mechanic in the same mill for about four years. About 1899 he became a clerk in the grocery store of James

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J. Weldon, and learned the business thoroughly in every detail. Three years later he entered the employ of W. J. Sheehan, also engaged in the grocery business, and on January 15, 1903, established himself in the same line in a store at No. 423 Fifth avenue. He commenced on a small scale, but his enterprise was a success from the outset, and he has been obliged to enlarge his place from time to time, increasing his stock proportionately, and now has a most flourishing business in the same locality in which he started. His home is at No. 424 Shaw avenue, where he bought a commodious house and furnished it with good taste. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. For some time he has served as one of the board of directors of the Merchants' Bank of McKeesport. Mr. Shipley married, June 12, 1902, Alice M. Daly, and has had children: Joseph D., born May 8, 1903; Allen Edwin, born April 28, 1910. He has legally adopted two children of his wife's brother: Alice M., born June 2, 1904; Aloysius, born July 16, 1906.

Eugene Daly, father of Mrs. Shipley, was born in the city of Cork, Ireland, and came to America in young manhood, and settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was a bricklayer by occupation, and he and his wife were members of the Catholic Church. He married Mary Vaughn, born in the state of Massachusetts, whose parents, William and Bridget Vaughn, natives of Ireland, returned to that country when their daughter was twenty-one years of age. Later they again came to the United States, where Mary was married. Mr. and Mrs. Daly had children: John S., a foreman in a steel mill, lives in Steubenville, Ohio; William J., the owner and personal manager of an amusement park at Sharon, Pennsylvania; James F., died at the age of nineteen years; Edward, Anna, Henry, Jeremiah and Mary, died in infancy; Joseph A., a railroad man who lived in McKeesport, was killed in an accident, April 28, 1913, and Mr. Shipley adopted his two children as aforementioned; Alice M., who married Mr. Shipley, as above stated.

RICHARDS

There is no class of citizens more worthy of the respect and esteem of their fellows than those who are engaged in mercantile pursuits, and among this class resident in Glassport is Evan R. Richards, a native of Wales, a country noted for the integrity of her people.

Reese Richards, father of Evan R. Richards, was born in Wales, and there spent his entire life, his death occurring in October, 1910, at the advanced age of eighty-one years he having survived his wife, Jane (Morgan) Richards, a native of Wales, for many years, her death occurring in April, 1898, aged sixty-three years. They were the parents of nine children: Elizabeth, Mary, Evan R., Jane, William, John, Ann, Reese, child, died in infancy.

Evan R. Richards was born in Wales, January 31, 1858. He attended

the common schools in the vicinity of his home, and remained under the parental roof until October, 1877, when he left his native land for the new world, with the desire of bettering his condition, the possibilities for young men being greater there than in Wales, and upon his arrival here located in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he followed the occupation of a coal miner until December, 1907, when he became an expressman, continuing in that line until 1909, after which he engaged in mercantile business, which has proven a lucrative means of livelihood. He is progressive in his ideas, honorable in his methods, straightforward in his dealings, and therefore merits the success which has attended his efforts. He is the owner of the property at No. 728 Monongahela street, where he resides, which is modern in every respect, equipped with everything necessary for comfort. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and his political affiliation is with the Republican party.

Mr. Richards married, February 6, 1884, Gwen Davis, daughter of Reese and Mary Davis, natives of Wales, who came to the United States later in life, he dying in Glassport, Pennsylvania, in 1908, and she in Dravosburg, Pennsylvania, in 1891. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Richards, as follows: Reese, deceased; Mary J.; John, deceased; Edward, Margaret, Laura, William, Thomas, Evan, Gwendoline. Mr. Richards and his family occupy a prominent place in the social life of Glassport, having a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

RATTELDORFER

While the Ratteldorfer family has not been resident many years in this country, they have already shown their mettle as good and valuable citizens.

George J. Ratteldorfer a native of Germany, spent his entire life in the land of his birth. George J. Ratteldorfer, his son, was born in Bavaria, Germany, April 3, 1863. He acquired his education in his native land, where he remained until he had attained the age of twenty years, when he emigrated to America, and made his home for a time with several aunts who lived in Lorain county, Ohio. In that section he worked for a farmer for almost an entire year, then removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he worked in a mill on the South Side, for six months. One year was then spent in a position on the East Side, after which he went to Sewickley, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he was employed in various capacities by several families. He next removed to Edgeworth, Allegheny county, where he has been engaged in landscape gardening for the past five years. In 1912 he built the commodious house which he is occupying at the present time. Mr. Ratteldorfer married, April 20, 1896, Elizabeth, a daughter of Adam and Katherine (Snyder) Bettner, the latter born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Jacob Snyder, a pioneer of Beaver county. Adam Bettner was born in Germany in 1837, and came to this country at the age of sixteen years. He enlisted in the Union army at the time of the Civil War, and was severely wounded at the battle of Gettysburg. For

thirty years he was landscape gardener for Samuel Harbison, near Brighton Heights, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and now lives at Brighton Heights. Mr. and Mrs. Ratteldorfer belong to the religious sect known as Russellites, of which the Rev. Russell is the pastor.

NOBLE

Lewis Henry Noble is a descendant from a long line of distinguished forbears, tracing his ancestry back to Joseph Noble, a member of one of the old Maryland families, prominent in that state before the Revolution.

(I) Joseph Noble was born in Charles county, Maryland, in the year 1715, and became a conspicuous figure in his community. After him was named the town of Noblestown, Pennsylvania, which was for some time the home of his family. By his wife, who it is believed was a Miss Martha Garvin, he had two sons, Henry, who became a colonel in the War of 1812, and Richard, who also served in that war with the office of major. Colonel Henry Noble resided at Noblestown, Pennsylvania, whither he had brought his slaves from Maryland. He married Polly Elliot, born in 1783. The marriage took place in 1803, and to them were born nine children. Colonel Noble's death occurred April 3, 1819.

(II) Major Richard Noble, son of Joseph Noble, married (first) Elizabeth Gough, a lady of Scotch descent, by whom he had several children. Major Noble married (second) Eleanor Gough, a sister of his first wife, and by her had four children, as follows: Henry M., born in 1801; Lewis C. J., born in 1805; Clement, of whom further; John C., born in 1808.

(III) Clement Noble, son of Major Richard Noble, was born in 1807. He and his brothers bought the farm of two hundred and fifteen acres, in 1826, upon which Lewis Henry Noble lives to this day. Here the brothers lived together until death dispersed them, and here they farmed their joint possession, which in 1896 became a part of Sharpsburg. Their home upon the farm consisted of a little house, standing to this day, and in which Lewis Henry Noble was born. Clement Noble married Sarah Lewis, a native of England. She came at the age of five years to the United States, with her parents, Thomas and Sarah Lewis, who settled on the banks of the upper Middleton creek, Pennsylvania. Besides Thomas Lewis, there were four other Lewis brothers, and together the five started a rolling mill on the upper Middleton creek, the first mill west of the Alleghenies where iron rolling was done. The records concerning this enterprise are somewhat vague, and it is not known just how long the mill was in operation. Certain it is that it was at first a great success, and yet it is also known that later the brothers came to Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, and worked in the iron mill of Mr. Spang. The Lewis mill was established sometime prior to 1794, and stood between Brownsville and Connellsville, Pennsylvania. The plant took a whole year in construction, and when it was finally put in operation the brothers occupied the following positions: Thomas C., manager; George, roller and turner; Samuel, heater;

James, catcher; Henry, office clerk. There is an interesting account of the opening of the mill after the long period of construction and preparation which had been necessary. It seems that there were some skeptics as to the ability of the proposed process to work, when the time came, and these were headed by a resident in the neighborhood, who did not hesitate to prophesy openly that the mill would prove a failure. Thomas C. Lewis was quite as positive that it would be a success, having learned of the matter through experience. Upon the appointed day, the whole neighborhood turned out to witness the opening, some holding that it would be a failure, others with Lewis, and still others merely curious. The event proved a complete vindication for the five Lewis brothers, as the mill worked triumphantly, and the crowd returned to their homes declaring it a great success. To Clement Noble and his wife were born six children, as follows: Richard W., Lewis Henry, of whom further; Clement, Josiah, Sarah, Mary.

(IV) Lewis Henry Noble, the second child of Clement and Sarah (Lewis) Noble, was born May 11, 1840, in Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania. He was educated in Sharpsburg, and has always resided on the place where he was born, erecting there, in 1866, the house in which he now resides. He began work as a carpenter, and followed that trade for some time, and has also farmed the old Noble estate, where he lives. For many years he has been retired from active work, however, and now lives a life of leisure. He is a member of the Catholic Church, as are all his family. Mr. Noble married, December 31, 1863, Elizabeth Lawler, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, born in 1845, a daughter of Lawrence and Elizabeth (McCue) Lawler, of Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Noble celebrated their golden wedding, December 31, 1913. To them have been born twelve children, as follows: William A., Lawrence C., Richard H., Aloysius, Mary J., Joseph, Alice, Ignatius, Leo, Mary, Emma, Gilbert.

BYRNE

The search for the origin of the Byrne family of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, requires neither diligence nor careful tracing, the trail leading almost immediately to Ireland, whence came Christopher Byrne, father of Thomas Byrne. Christopher Byrne was born in Ireland, and became a contractor in stone masonry, continuing that line after immigrating to the United States and settling in Ingram, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. In this business he for a time had a partner, and during this association performed work under a contract with the state of Pennsylvania and for the Pennsylvania Railroad, both operations of considerable size. His latter years were passed with a daughter in Ingram, Pennsylvania, and at her home in the Eighteenth Ward he died. He married Mary Anderson, likewise a native of Ireland.

Thomas Byrne, son of Christopher and Mary (Anderson) Byrne, was born in Ireland, December 24, 1844. He was educated in the public schools, and in manhood followed the calling of his father, contracting in stone masonry. The Pittsburgh Driving Park was laid out and prepared

for use under his direction, and he was superintendent thereof for ten years, from 1881 until 1891. In the latter year Mr. Byrne bought the hotel at Allison Park, and after carefully remodeling and adding to this building, began its operation, continuing as its proprietor until his death. Since then his widow has been proprietress of the hotel, which enjoys a successful continuance through wide patronage. During the Civil War Mr. Byrne served the United States government in one of the Union arsenals, leaving this employment after peace was restored. Politically he was a Democrat.

Mr. Byrne married, December 6, 1868, Susan Virginia Lawrence, born in Troy, New York, daughter of Isaac and Ann (Brady) Lawrence, her father a stone cutter, coming from New York state to Pittsburgh, First Ward, died there in 1868, aged forty-one years. Children of Thomas and Susan Virginia (Lawrence) Byrne: Mary, Anna Marie, Nellie Ellen, Margaret, Thomas, Elizabeth, Jane, Frances, Marion, Clair, Maria, Susan Virginia, Lawrence, twin of Susan Virginia; the twins died in infancy.

HABEN

The Haben family came to this country from Alsace, when that province of Germany was still under French government, and the various members of the family are endowed with the best characteristics of both countries, uniting with the calm deliberation and earnestness of the German, the versatility and vivaciousness of the Frenchman.

(I) Peter Haben was born in Alsace, and came to America with his family about 1830 or 1835, settling in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Later he removed to McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he died in the early fifties. He was one of the pioneer settlers of the town and owned considerable land. He married Anna Bruner, who died in the eighties, and both are buried in the old German cemetery at McKeesport. They had children: Frank, a tin worker, died in McKeesport; George, a tailor, died in Butler, Pennsylvania; John, of further mention. After the death of Mr. Haben, his widow married (second) George Haben, related to her first husband, and had children: Mary, married Jacob Myers, and lives in Pennsylvania; Magdalena, married James L. Devinney, and lives in Florida; Peter, lives in Pennsylvania; Jacob, killed in a railway accident.

(II) John Haben, son of Peter and Anna (Bruner) Haben, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1840, died in McKeesport, in 1869. He was a man of original business ideas, and was proprietor of one of the first two retail shoe stores in McKeesport. Politically a Democrat, his religious affiliations were with the Catholic faith, and he was a charter member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. He married Margaret Mitchell, born in county Roscommon, Ireland, September 25, 1839, who married (second) William J. Mullen, again became a widow, and died in August, 1905. She was a daughter of John and Margaret (Craven) Mitchell, who lived and died in county Roscommon, Ireland, where he was a farmer, and where some of his

descendants are still living, although several of his children came to America and located in New York and New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Haben had children: George T., a real estate dealer and insurance agent, lives in McKeesport; James, in the same business as George T.; John Francis, of further mention.

(III) Dr. John Francis Haben, son of John and Margaret (Mitchell) Haben, was born in McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 7, 1864. He received his elementary education in the parochial schools of his native town, and then attended St. Vincent's College, from whence he went to Fordham University, New York City, and was graduated from this institution in 1887 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. Four years later he received the degree of Master of Arts, and the degree of Doctor of Medicine was conferred upon him by the Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York City in 1892. From 1892 to 1896 he was engaged in post-graduate and hospital work, and practiced medicine in New York City, 1894-95, as assistant to James N. Butler, M.D. In 1896 he came to McKeesport, where he established himself in the practice of his profession, with which he has been successfully identified since that time. For the past fifteen years he has been a member of the medical staff of the McKeesport Hospital, and is now president of that body. Dr. Haben was appointed, September 2, 1914, United States examining physician of the Bureau of Pensions with headquarters in Pittsburgh, and has been honored with election to the presidency of the McKeesport Academy of Medicine, and is a member of the Allegheny County, Pennsylvania State and American Medical societies. He is independent in his political views, and he and his wife are members of the St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. He married, January 27, 1898, Anne Keough Baum, born in Braddock, Pennsylvania, died in McKeesport, March 21, 1904, a daughter of Martin L. and Ella (Keough) Baum, an old family of the state. Children: John Martin, now fifteen years of age; James Baum, aged twelve years.

NOCK

Of the five sons of Johannes Nock, a native of Germany, four immigrated to the United States, John, who came in 1849, the first of the four to leave the homeland; Joseph, who made New Orleans, Louisiana, his port of entry; Philip; Charles. One son, Adam, and a daughter, Barbara, remained in the homeland.

(II) Charles Nock, son of Johannes Nock, was born in Germany, in 1829, and there made his home until 1865, when he came to the United States. He arrived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on New Year's Eve, 1866, and immediately communicated with a brother residing in Perrysville, Pennsylvania, where he soon afterward located. He became a mason contractor, and followed this calling until three years prior to his death, which occurred on the ten acre farm in Killbuck township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, the family home since 1871. Charles Nock was a man of industry and energy, and in the new home to which he brought his family made

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for them a comfortable living through the exercise of these qualities. He married Catherine Becht, a native of Germany, daughter of Nicholas Becht. A sister of Catherine Becht, Anna, is Mother Superior in a convent at Mainz, Germany.

(III) Charles (2) Nock, son of Charles (1) and Catherine (Becht) Nock, was born in Germany, March 29, 1857, and was educated in the public schools of his native land, attending similar institutions in this country for nine months. For three years he was employed as a stone mason with his father, during which time he continued his studies under private tutorship at night, and then became associated with the American Locomotive Works in the capacity of machinist. For thirty-one years he was connected with this concern, his term of service therewith a record of efficient and faithful work, and in 1891 bought a farm of thirty-five acres in Killbuck township, his tract including four acres of the land previously owned by his father. In 1905 Mr. Nock caused the erection of a comfortable and commodious house at this place, and has there since resided, his agricultural operations rewarded with abundant success. Mr. Nock is a believer in the Roman Catholic faith, and in politics is a Republican, having served in numerous public offices, among them those of school director and township treasurer.

He married, in 1883, Bertha Bierweiler, a native of Germany, daughter of Peter and Theresa (Egner) Bierweiler, her parents born in Germany. Peter Bierweiler learned the trade of carpenter in the land of his birth, there married, and in 1870 came to Pennsylvania, making his home in Pittsburgh, later moving to Emsworth, Pennsylvania, where he and his wife died. Their children, all of whom they brought to the United States: Joseph, Clemmons, Rosa, Bertha, of previous mention, married Charles Nock; Catherine. Children of Charles and Bertha (Bierweiler) Nock: 1. Walter G., lives in Emsworth, Pennsylvania. 2. Leona A. K., lives at home. 3. Stefanie B., married Arkland H. Merry, and resides in Ben Avon, Pennsylvania.

WEDDELL

The Weddell family came to America from Germany, and settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. In 1753 they migrated to the western portion of the state, settling in the forks of the Youghiogheny river, in what was later called Elizabeth township. They lived there for some generations, and bravely endured the hardships of the pioneer days, including the terrible raids of the Indians.

(I) Peter Weddell was born in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, about 1759 or 1760, and died about 1824. He is thought to have been a cooper by trade, but positive information is not to be obtained, owing to the destruction of early records. It is known that he became an extensive land owner. He married Nancy Nelson, and they had children: 1. Daniel, a farmer, died in Allegheny county, close to the Westmoreland

county line. 2. Nellie, died unmarried. 3. Nelson, was a retired farmer; died in West Newton, Pennsylvania. 4. Jane, married John Boyd; died in Elizabeth township. 5. George W., of further mention. 6. Polly, married John B. McCune; died in Elizabeth township. 7. Peter, a blacksmith and farmer; died near Boston, Pennsylvania. 8. Elizabeth, born in 1824; married David Brown, who is now deceased; she is living in an Old Ladies' Home in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. 9. Rebecca, died unmarried. 10. James, was a farmer; died near West Newton, Pennsylvania.

(II) George W. Weddell, son of Peter and Nancy (Nelson) Weddell, was born in Elizabeth township, October 10, 1812, and died in June, 1908. For a short time he lived in Westmoreland county after his marriage, running a grist mill at Possum Hollow, then rented a farm of about eighty acres in Elizabeth township, which he later bought, but soon sold. He removed to Versailles township, March 22, 1860, and purchased a farm of one hundred and forty-five acres. The only buildings on it were a log house, and a barn in poor condition, and it was covered with the graves of Indians. In 1870 he erected a fine brick residence, which is still occupied, also a number of other buildings, and made many improvements on the place. He was engaged in general farming until his death. He was a staunch Republican, and served his community in a number of local offices. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Weddell married Maria Douglass, born September 28, 1815, died in December, 1911. She was a daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Elrod) Douglass, early settlers in Elizabeth township, where they owned a farm on the present site of the Country Club. The place comprised about two hundred acres. They were members of the United Presbyterian Church, and he was active in the public affairs of the township. Children: William, a colonel in the Civil War and a member of the legislature; Robert, a farmer, died at McKeesport; Rebecca, married William Crawford, and died in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania; Sidney, married Joseph Gillespie, and died in Suterville, Pennsylvania; Maria, mentioned above; John; James. Mr. and Mrs. Weddell had children: 1. Thomas, has filled many responsible positions under the government, and is now engaged as clerk at Washington, District of Columbia. 2. Dr. Oliver S., lives in McKeesport. 3. David Henry, born December 11, 1848; was educated in the public schools of the township and at Waynesburg College, and was engaged in teaching school for a period of five years; lives on the homestead. 4. Sarah M., widow of John Knoll; lives in California. 5. James N., a farmer, died on the homestead at the age of twenty-seven years. 6. Nancy, married Reuben Street; both died in Bellaire, Ohio. 7. Mary Jane, married (first) James M. Campbell, (second) John P. Fishburn; lives in Abilene, Kansas. 8. Isaac Irvin, of further mention.

(III) Isaac Irvin Weddell, son of George W. and Maria (Douglass) Weddell, was born near West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, July 20, 1858. His education was acquired in the public schools of

Versailles township, and he lived on the homestead until about 1900, when in partnership with John Edmundson, his brother-in-law, he purchased a farm of eighty acres lying in the boroughs of Glassport, Liberty and Portvue. This is a part of the old Edmundson farm and he has lived on it since that time. He makes a specialty of breeding Holstein cattle, and has a dairy herd averaging twenty cows. In political opinion he is a Republican, and has served his community as school director. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterion Church, which he has served as trustee, and he is a member of Aliquippa Lodge, No. 375, Free and Accepted Masons; McKeesport Chapter, No. 282, Royal Arch Masons; McKeesport Commandery, No. 86, Knights Templar. Mr. Weddell married, October 10, 1888, Maria, a daughter of Alexander and Mary (Boyd) Edmundson, and they have had children: 1. Mary, died at the age of three months. 2. Sarah Blanche, born in 1898. 3. Marie Florence, born in 1900.

HITZROT

Of German parentage and birth, the late Dr. Henry William Hitzrot, of McKeesport, a highly educated and skillful physician, had the benefit of a honorable ancestry, and in his own right and through his own efforts obtained honorable distinction. He blended in his character and disposition the solid qualities of his German father, with the vivacity and more showy, but none the less valuable, qualities of his French mother, and these traits were later developed under the influence of American surroundings and opportunities, producing a man whose superior is seldom found.

Dr. Hitzrot was born in the ancient city of Cassel, capital of the province of Hesse Nassau, Prussia, March 18, 1847, died in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, June 23, 1906. His father was a German mechanical engineer, and his mother was born in France. He was the third child of his parents and was left fatherless by the accidental death of his father about 1859. His mother never remarried, but devoted her life to the education and future welfare of her children, two of whom became physicians in the United States, Henry William and his younger and only brother, Carl, who was practicing in Pittsburgh at the time of his death. His two sisters, Margaret and Christina, both married and died in Germany.

Dr. Henry William Hitzrot was educated in the splendid schools of Cassel and the University of Berlin, but before finishing his university course he came to the United States. He came to Western Pennsylvania and for a time was in the employ of the Cambria Iron Company at Johnstown, as an office man. After a few years spent in Johnstown and McKeesport, he was financially able to carry out long formed plans and he entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, and there pursued a full course of medical study and received the degree of M. D. He then took special courses at Johns Hopkins Hospital and University in Baltimore, fully equipping himself for the practice of medicine and surgery. Thus thoroughly furnished, he returned to McKeesport and began

the practice of his profession. He rose rapidly in public favor and gained a satisfactory practice, that as the years rolled on became very large and lucrative. He was devoted to his profession and was held in high esteem by his professional brethren. He belonged to the American Medical, Pennsylvania State Medical and Allegheny County Medical societies, but with the exception of being a vestryman of St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church, had no interests outside his profession. His home was a fine brick residence on Lincoln road that he caused to be built, and there or in his office he spent his time when not engaged in medical calls.

Dr. Hitzrot married (first) Priscilla Morley, who bore him five children, one only surviving infancy, James Morley Hitzrot, now a physician and surgeon of New York City. He married (second) September 15, 1896, Agnes Haler, born in Western Pennsylvania, who survives him, a resident of McKeesport. Children: Louis Haler, now a student at Phillips Exeter Academy; Henry William (2), residing with his mother.

Mrs. Agnes (Haler) Hitzrot is a granddaughter of Henry Haler, born in Germany, who came to Pennsylvania, after his term of service in the German army had expired. He lived in Butler and in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and during the Civil War served in the Union army. He had a son, Louis C. Haler, who spent the greater part of his life in Pittsburgh and on his farm near McKeesport, and was an oil and gas operator. Louis C. Haler married Diana Ihmsen, daughter of Augustus and Dorcas (Bennett) Ihmsen, the former named of German ancestry, born in Pittsburgh, the latter named born in New Castle, Pennsylvania. Louis C. and Diana Ihmsen had four children: 1. Bertha, died in McKeesport. 2. Agnes, married Dr. Henry William Hitzrot, of previous mention. 3. Josephine, unmarried, residing in McKeesport. 4. Lois, married Earl Douglass, of New York City, son of E. P. Douglass, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

LAW

It is not known just at what time the Law family came to America, nor at what period they settled in the state of Pennsylvania. What is certain is that they have always done their duty as brave, honorable and conscientious citizens, who had the welfare of their country truly at heart.

(I) Alexander Law was born near the South Side, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was a coal miner throughout the active years of his life. He served throughout the Civil War, and although wounded and crippled, continued to perform his duty until the close of the war.

(II) Samuel Law, son of Alexander Law, was born near Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and died in Braddock. He was a coal miner and a farmer, and had retired from active labors some time prior to his death. He married Katherine, a daughter of Solomon Linhart, a coal merchant in the Pittsburgh district, and they became the parents of seven children.

(III) Solomon Law, son of Samuel and Katherine (Linhart) Law,

was born in Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1855. He was educated in the public schools of Braddock, and upon leaving them entered the employ of the steel works. He gradually worked his way to the position of teemer, which he has now held for a period of thirty-eight years. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church, and fraternally is connected with the Order of Free and Accepted Masons, in the Blue Lodge Chapter, Commandery, Consistory and Shrine, and his two sons are also thirty-second degree Masons, and members of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Mr. Law married, in 1880, Henrietta Holmes, and they have had children: Earl, of North Braddock; William B.; Edna M.

CONNELLY

This name is recorded with honor in the annals of America and of Ireland, from whence they originally came to this country. It is to be found in various forms of spelling, as: Connolly, Connelley, etc.

(I) Thomas F. Connelly was born at the town of Mulengar, county Westmeath, Ireland, in 1813, died in West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, in August, 1895. He came to America at the age of fourteen years, and after his marriage settled in Maryland, where he was a construction contractor on the old Chesapeake & Ohio canal. Later he came to Pittsburgh, via the Braddock road, en route to New Orleans, but the river being too low at the time he was obliged to remain in Pittsburgh, and there obtained a contract to dig a cellar, and made a good profit on this undertaking. It decided him to stay in Pittsburgh for a time, continuing at his contract work. He constructed the Brownsville road from Whitehall into Eighteenth street. Abandoning contracting in 1856, he removed to Jefferson township, Allegheny county, and purchased a farm there, on the Monongahela river, now called Connelly's Curve. The farm consisted of seventy-three acres and he resided on this until his death. He built the pioneer coke ovens on this farm, and was very successful in their operation. He married Bridget Halen, born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1809, who was brought to this country in early childhood, and died in 1888. They had children: Child, died in infancy, in Maryland; Mary C., died unmarried, May 16, 1913; Thomas F., of further mention; Michael J., died unmarried, May 16, 1913; Joseph, died unmarried on the old homestead in Jefferson township, in 1903.

(II) Thomas F. (2) Connelly, son of Thomas F. (1) and Bridget (Halen) Connelly, was born on the Chesapeake & Ohio canal, in Maryland, January 27, 1844. He grew up in Birmingham, Pittsburgh, where he was a miner for some years, then became a hotel keeper at Elizabeth, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he is now living retired. Politically he is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Catholic Church. He married Mary Jane Stevenson, born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, in 1853, and had children: Joseph A., of further mention; Margaret, lives in McKeesport, married Peter Weber, and has two children, Lawrence

and Helen; Thomas F., the third, lives on the old homestead, and is in the employ of his brother, Joseph A.; Charles, died in infancy; Mary, married Walter Shepler, and has children: Evelyn, Helen and Mary; Harry, unmarried.

Jonathan Stevenson, grandfather of Mrs. Connelly, was born in the north of Ireland, emigrated to America many years ago, and settled in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. He became a farmer and land owner there, and there his death occurred. James, son of Jonathan Stevenson, was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, in 1819, died in Elizabeth, Allegheny county, where he and his wife are buried. He married Margaret, born in Beaver county, in 1825, died in Elizabeth, a daughter of Jacob Black, of Scotch ancestors, who lived and died in Beaver county. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church while his wife, who was of German descent, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They had children: Hugh, was killed while serving in the Union army at Antietam; John, lives retired on the old homestead at Elizabeth; Robert, lives in Monessen, Pennsylvania; Allen, died at Pittsburgh; Mary Jane, now Mrs. Connelly, as mentioned above; George, a painter, lives at McKeesport; Edward, a carpenter, lives at Denora, Pennsylvania; Annie, twin of Edward, died in childhood; Charles, resides in Los Angeles, California; and three others.

(III) Joseph A. Connelly, son of Thomas F. (2) and Mary Jane (Stevenson) Connelly, was born at Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, December 6, 1871. He was educated in the public schools of his native town, and at the age of thirteen years commenced working in the National Tube Works, was a welder at the age of sixteen years ,and remained with this company until he was twenty years of age. He then obtained a position as bartender with S. E. Carothers, proprietor of the National House, in McKeesport, where he remained one year, then held a similar position for Charles Downey, at Duquesne, and three years for Owen B. Farley, at McKeesport. In 1900 he started in business for himself at No. 400 Fifth avenue, as proprietor of Connelly's Hofbrau Cafe, and remained in that location for a period of nine years. He then purchased a place on Locust and Ringgold streets, which he remodeled, and this is now considered the finest place of its kind in the city. The floors are tiled, the cafe and bar are entirely distinct, and the equipment is modern and luxurious. He constantly employs thirteen people, and the business is in a most flourishing condition, owing to the foresight and executive ability of Mr. Connelly. He is a Republican in political matters, and he and his wife are members of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. His fraternal affiliation is with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

Mr. Connelly married, April 4, 1892, Agnes Finney, born in Dravosburg, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Quinn) Finney, and their children are: Joseph A. Jr., who was graduated from the East Liberty Academy in the class of 1914, and is about to commence his medical studies at Fordham; Vincent J., was graduated from Duffield's Business College,

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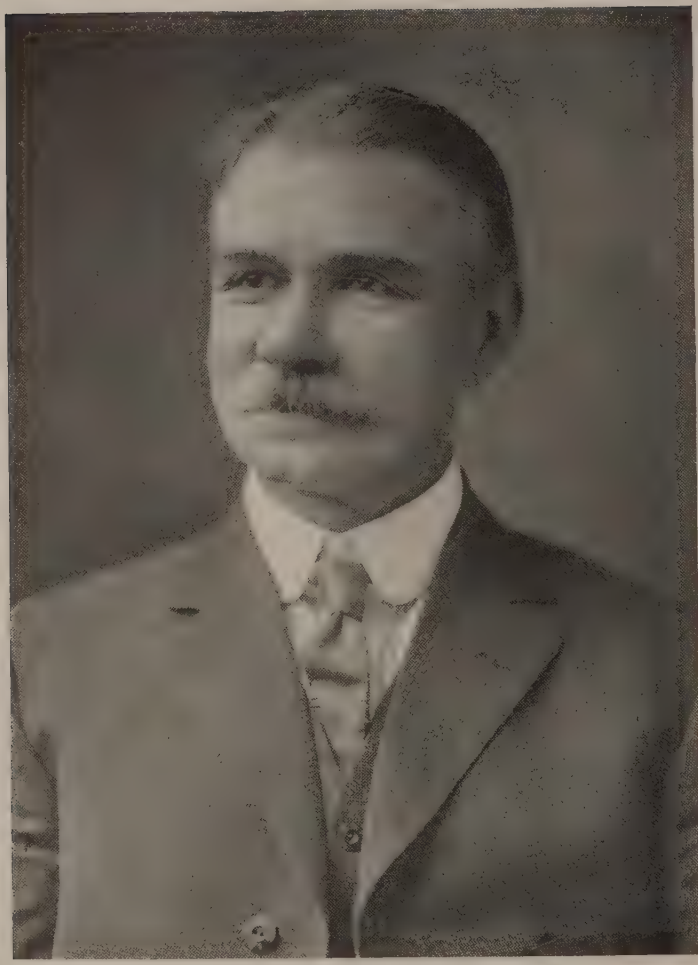


Thomas Ball

and is now bookkeeper for the Pittsburgh Brewing Company; Margaretta E., was graduated from St. Peter's Parochial School in the class of 1914; Charles A., Howard O., Agnes, Alice, Thomas F., the fourth, all students in the public schools; Mary Jane.

BALL

The Ball family is among the oldest in this country, and also among the most widespread. Its representatives were scattered all along the Atlantic coast in the early English colonies, being prominent not alone in New England, but also in Virginia, where one of its daughters became the mother of the immortal George Washington. Its representatives are scattered through America today, and are found honorably connected with every line of worthy endeavor, and are contributors to the social, moral and material welfare of the communities in which they reside. In 1613 a coat-of-arms was conferred on one, Richard Ball, of Northamptonshire, England, and a similar coat-of-arms was borne by the Ball families of New England and Virginia. Between 1635 and 1640 six sons of William Ball, of Wiltshire, England, came to America. The sixth son, William, was at New Haven for a time and became extensively engaged in trade, especially in furs and tobacco, and made frequent trips between America and London, being both an exporter and an importer. He was the ancestor of Mary Ball, the wife of Augustine Washington. She was left a widow while her children were small, but was a strong and resolute character, and to her is due much of that we honor in the character of our first President.

(I) John Ball was born in Staffordshire, England, was a nail maker by trade, and died at Lower Gornal. He married, and had children: Thomas, of further mention; Samuel; Isaac; John; Alfred; Elizabeth, widow of James Brooks; Annie, married William Clarkson.

(II) Thomas Ball, son of John Ball, was born at Lower Gornal, England, and died in 1873. He was occupied as a miner, as were all of his brothers, and was also a nail maker. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church. He married Sarah Golden, born at Kidderminster, England, died in 1860. She was a daughter of William Golden, a marine in the British service for a period of twelve years. He died young leaving children: Sarah, mentioned above; Elizabeth, married Thomas Evans, at one time sheriff of Birmingham, England; Ann, married Thomas Webb, lived at Kidderminster; William, died in England. Mr. and Mrs. Ball have had children: Mary Ann, married John Jarvis, and lives on the homestead; Eliza, married Thomas Hampton, and lives at the old home; Sarah, married James Waterfeld, lives in Lower Gornal; Thomas.

(III) Thomas (2) Ball, son of Thomas (1) and Sarah (Golden) Ball, was born at Lower Gornal, Staffordshire, England, November 29, 1853. His only school education was acquired before he had attained the age of nine years, and he then commenced working for his father in the nail making industry, until he was thirteen years old. He was a miner until his twenty-sixth year, after which he emigrated to America and settled at

Pittsburgh. For a few months he worked in the Keystone Mill at Soho, and then worked in the mines twelve years, during a part of the time being fire boss. During the next eleven years he was mine foreman near Calhoun Park, for the Harrison Gas Coal Company, and then held a similar position at the Rischer mine at Dravosburg, Pennsylvania, for seven years. In August, 1906, he bought out a building supply concern, incorporated this, was chosen president, came to take charge, and has been in this office since that time. He employs from fifteen to twenty men, and handles a complete line of everything pertaining to the building trade. He lived in Hays borough, which he helped to incorporate, was the first president of the borough council, and served as a member of the council until 1900, when he went to Dravosburg, where he still lives, and has served one term as a member of the council. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he is a member of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons and the Knights of Pythias. He has always given his political support to the Republican party.

Mr. Ball married, December 8, 1873, in England, Charlotte Burrows, born in that country, a daughter of Edward and Ann Burrows. They have had children: 1. Edward, an agent of the National Surety Company, has offices in the Oliver Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, lives at East End, Pittsburgh. 2. Rachel, married Frederick Simmons; died at Lincoln place, leaving five children. 3. Sarah, unmarried, living at home. 4. Arthur, cashier of the Hays National Bank, whose sketch also appears in this work. 5. Lottie, who died at the age of twenty years. 6. and 7. Died unnamed. 8. Bertha Jane, unmarried, lives at home. 9. Clifford, employed in the Homestead Trust Company. 10. Albert, a bookkeeper for his father.

FAWCETT

The Fawcett family is an old and honored one of England, and some of its members have gained distinction in the scientific world, as others of the family have achieved prominence in business circles.

(I) Thomas Fawcett and his wife were born in England, at Ravensdale, Westmorelandshire, where he was a farmer, and where he died at the age of eighty-four years. His widow came to America, and died here at the advanced age of ninety-four years, and is buried in Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

(II) William Fawcett, son of Thomas Fawcett, was born in Ravensdale, Westmorelandshire, England, in 1807, and came to this country when twenty-five years old. He was a stone mason by trade, but while living at Pittsburgh he followed the calling of a river pilot. In 1853 he purchased one hundred and fifteen acres of land in Versailles township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, on which he lived until his death in 1884. The barn which he erected on this property has been torn down, but the dwelling house, which was built by John Whigham before Mr. Fawcett bought the property, is still standing, and in this Mr. Fawcett's two youngest children, John W. and Isabel, were born. He was a staunch Republican, and a

J. M. Fawcett

member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, McKeesport, Pennsylvania, in which he was a class leader for about twenty-five years, and was active in all church affairs. He married, in 1834, in Buffalo, New York, Margaret Robinson, who was born in Middleton, Durhamshire, England, in 1815; she came to America while young, and died in Versailles township in 1892. She was the daughter of Christopher and Jean (Cullison) Robinson, who were born at Middleton, near Teesdale, England, where was born to them eleven children, and where the parents died. Mr. and Mrs. William Fawcett had ten children: 1. Thomas R., a manufacturer of brick on the homestead farm; was a soldier in the war of the Rebellion; died in 1913. 2. Christopher Columbus, lives on the homestead at the age of seventy-seven years; was a dealer in queensware in Pittsburgh, and a soldier during the Civil War. 3. Jennie A., married the Rev. D. I. K. Rine; died on the homestead. 4. Margaret M., died in infancy. 5. Elizabeth E., widow of M. J. Bennett; lives on the homestead. 6. Mina W., married William Nelson; lives at Monongahela, Pennsylvania. 7. Euena H., married Professor J. S. Brown, who died in 1913; she now lives with her brother, John W., on the homestead. 8. William George, a gardener; also lives on the homestead farm. 9. John Wesley, of further mention. 10. Isabel, died unmarried.

(III) Dr. John Wesley Fawcett, son of William and Margaret (Robinson) Fawcett, was born on the Fawcett homestead, near McKeesport, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1854. His elementary education was acquired in the public schools of Versailles township, and he then became a student at Mount Union College, in Stark county, Ohio. From this institution he went to the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in the class of 1877, with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He established himself in the practice of his profession in Coal Valley, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, followed it there for several years, then engaged in the drug business on Fifth avenue, McKeesport, with which he was identified for a period of twenty-two years. This is now one of the oldest and best known drug stores in the city of McKeesport. During this time Dr. Fawcett was also actively interested in the manufacture of brick and in a number of other enterprises. In 1903 he retired from active business life. For the past six years he has been vice-president of the McKeesport Title and Trust Company, director in the McKeesport Tin Plate Company, and a stockholder in the Joel T. Painter Company, manufacturers and dealers in paint and glass. He resides at Lincoln Way and Robinson street, where he had a beautiful house erected in 1900. For many years he has been actively identified with the Republican party, and served twelve years as school director in McKeesport, two as its president. He is a member of the Coursin Street Methodist Episcopal Church, as was also his wife, and he is a trustee of this institution. His fraternal affiliation is with the Free and Accepted Masons, Knights of Pythias, and Knights of Malta. Dr. Fawcett married, in 1880, Mary P., born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Captain John and Isabel

Guice, and they had two children: Isabel, who died at the age of two years; Marguerite P., who died at the age of two months. Mrs. Fawcett died August 8, 1914.

BETHUNE

The Allegheny county branch of this German family was founded in Franklin township by Jacob H. Bethune, born in Germany. He was a farmer in calling, and died in Murraysville, Pennsylvania. His wife, born in Germany, bore him children, among whom was Jacob, of whom further.

(II) Jacob H. (2) Bethune, son of Jacob H. (1) Bethune, was born in Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and after his studies were finished prepared himself for the calling of undertaker. He and a brother, James Murray Bethune, were soldiers in the Union army during the Civil War, both surviving that conflict. Jacob H. Bethune was for many years an undertaker at Newlonsburg, Pennsylvania, and reared six sons in that profession. He married Christina, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Hall, pioneers of Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

(III) Abraham Lincoln Bethune, son of Jacob H. (2) and Christina (Hall) Bethune, was born in Newlonsburg, Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1861, and after attending the public schools was a student at Laird Institute. Completing his course in this institution, he assumed charge of his father's business, conducting the same for two years, and after two years in the same line at Manor Station, moved to Jeannette, Pennsylvania. He became a prominent citizen in this place, following his calling with success and profit for twenty-two years. He was also a dealer in real estate, and was a director of the First National Bank. For many years he was burgess of Jeannette, and was for a number of years a notary public and justice of the peace. Mr. Bethune was the owner, after his retirement from business, of a summer home at Newlonsburg, his residence being in Wilkinsburg. His death occurred May 14, 1911, after an illness of fifteen months. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Improved Order of Heptasophs, the Protected Home Circle and the Knights of Malta. He was a communicant of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Bethune married, March 26, 1885, Lydia, daughter of John and Bessie (Else) Hanan, her father a stone cutter and resident of Delmont, Pennsylvania. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Bethune: 1. Howard L., educated in Pennsylvania State College. 2. Charles W., educated in the University of Pittsburgh.

HERBST

The ancestors of John Herbst, of Kennedy township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, have for many generations been native to the Kingdom of Bavaria, the largest state of the

German Empire except Prussia. There in the western portion of the kingdom called the Palatinate of the Rhine, John Theodore Herbst was born in 1826, died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 30, 1871. His father was a farmer, and until 1846 he attended school and worked on the farm. In 1846 he came to the United States, settling in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he worked in a warehouse for several years. He married and maintained a comfortable home on Liberty street, Pittsburgh, in that part of the city called "Bardstown." He then returned to his youthful occupation, farming, and for the following twenty-one years he rented and cultivated farms in Allegheny county. He first rented the Nichol's farm in Robinson, now Stowe township, which he worked for five years, then moved to the Smith farm on Chartiers creek in Chartiers township, where he also remained five years. He then rented the Guthrie farm and there lived for eleven years, meeting his death in a tragic manner. He stepped from a curb in town one day, caught his foot between curb and wagon wheel and before being released had broken his ankle. In a short time lockjaw developed and soon caused his death. He was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. He was a hardworking man of good character.

He married Elanora Möeller, also born in Bavaria, but coming with friends to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, when young. She was born in the same district of the Palatinate of the Rhine as was her husband, in 1828, died June 19, 1891, surviving him twenty years. After the death of her husband she kept her family together, the sons working the rented farm until later the mother purchased the McFadden farm in Robinson township, where the family lived for several years, the mother finally retiring to a home in McKees Rocks, where she died. Children: 1. Theresa, married Andrew May; lived in McKees Rocks, where she died. 2. Michael, born February 28, 1853; now a farmer of Kennedy township. 3. John, of further mention. 4. Jacob, a lumber merchant of McKees Rocks. 5. Matthias, a grocer of McKees Rocks. 6. Elanora, married Henry Korn; resides in McKees Rocks. 7. Margaret, married Otto A. Buettner, whom she survives, a resident of Ingram, Pennsylvania. 8. Mary, a resident of McKees Rocks, unmarried. 9. Barbara, married Charles Werling; resides in Elliott, Pennsylvania.

John Herbst, second son and third child of John Theodore and Elanora (Möeller) Herbst, was born in "Bardstown," a part of the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 30, 1856. He attended St. Mary's parochial school in McKees Rocks and from boyhood aided in farm labor. He was about fifteen years of age when his father died, and then with his brothers he worked the farm under their mother's direction. This they also did after she purchased the McFadden farm and all made their home together until marriage broke the family circle. John Herbst remained at the home farm until thirty years of age, then married and for five years rented the Sarah Jane Moore farm in Robinson township. He then purchased the interests of the other heirs in the home farm in Kennedy township, moved

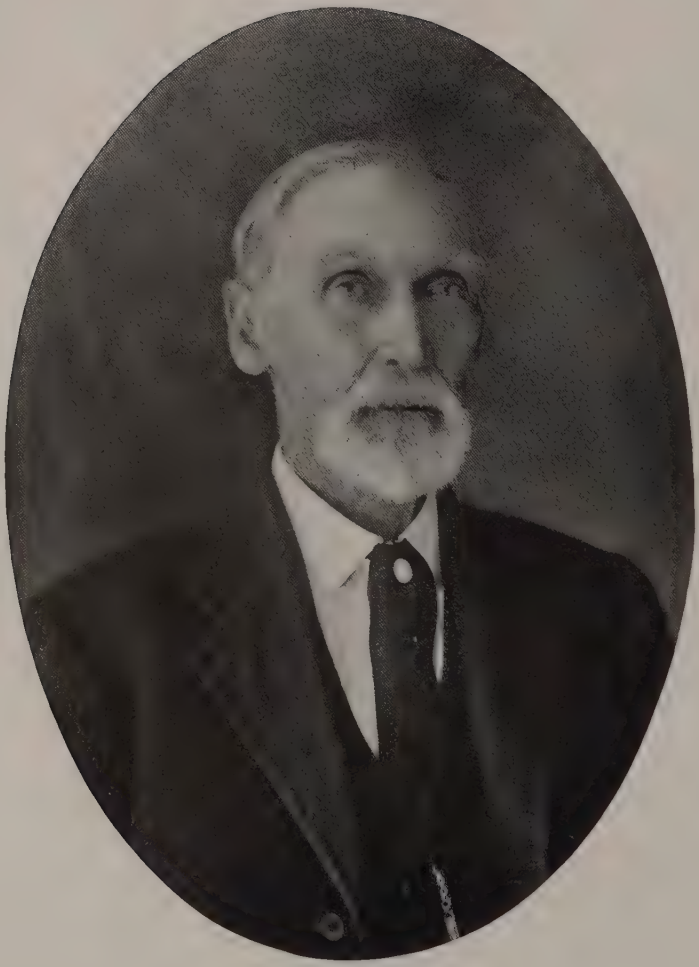
there and has ever since been the owner. The large and comfortable farm house was built by his mother in 1876 and in this house which his own labor helped to create, he now lives, honored and respected by all who know him. While he conducts general farming operations, he has for years devoted a good portion of his farm to market gardening and finds ready sale for all his garden products in the nearby city of Pittsburgh. He conducts his gardening and farming along the best lines, is a capable man of business, well-informed and progressive. He has prospered abundantly and is assisted in his work by his sons, who are all workers, like their honored father. Mr. Herbst is a Democrat in politics and for sixteen years has served as township supervisor. He is a silent partner in the lumber business conducted by his brother, Jacob, in McKees Rocks, and has other interests in that town. He is a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, his family all being communicants of that faith.

Mr. Herbst married, April 19, 1887, Johanna Buettner, born in Robinson township, daughter of John T. and Magdalene Buettner, born in Germany, who came to the United States in 1854. John T. Buettner is a retired farmer of Robinson township; his wife is deceased. Children of John and Johanna Herbst: 1. Albert John, born January 31, 1889. 2. Otto Thomas, born December 17, 1890, died April 15, 1901. 3. Clarence Michael, born January 17, 1893. 4. John Matthias, born October 30, 1894. 5. Clara Mary, born November 21, 1896. 6. Aloysius Henry, born September 18, 1900. These children reside with their parents and are all a part of the smooth-running domestic machine that operates so successfully the Herbst home and farm; all are well educated and it is the pleasure of the older members to be a help to the parents, whom they honor.

CAVEN

The success of a community depends largely upon its residents, and especially upon those who successfully till the soil, as from that class of men we derive our daily sustenance, and among that number in McKeesport must be mentioned Cyrus Caven, whose family has long resided in the state of Pennsylvania, the members thereof performing well the duties and obligations devolving upon them.

(I) William Caven, grandfather of Cyrus Caven, was among the early settlers of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, he being accompanied by his wife, Mary (Lorimer) Caven, they coming to that section of the state upon their arrival from their native land, Ireland, their residence there being in county Cavan. They spent the remainder of their days in Westmoreland county, their deaths occurring when Cyrus Caven was a young boy. Mr. Caven followed the occupation of farming, from which he derived a comfortable living. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church. They were the parents of six children: 1. Sarah, wife of Humphrey Mosser; they located in Noble county, Indiana, and established what is now the town of Ligonier, they being accompanied by an uncle of Mrs. Mosser, Isaac Caven. 2. Mary, wife of Michael King, who also became an early settler in Noble county, Indiana. 3. John, of whom further. 4. Hugh. 5. Isaac. 6. Alexander.



Cyrus Caven

Susan B. Caven

(II) John Caven, son of William Caven, was born in Cook township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1805, died aged about seventy-five years. He chose the occupation of farming upon arriving at a suitable age to begin his active career, and being industrious, persevering and thrifty, accumulated considerable of this world's goods. He married Sarah Brough, born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1807, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Brough, natives of Germany, from whence they emigrated to the United States, settling first in the state of Maryland, removing from there to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where they spent the remainder of their days. Mr. and Mrs. Brough were the parents of several children, among whom were: George, John, Elizabeth, wife of Hugh Caven, Esther, wife of Alexander Caven; Sarah, abovementioned as the wife of John Caven; one daughter married a Mr. Blackburn, and another daughter married a Jacob Hines, who went to Harrison county, Ohio, locating near Cadiz.

(III) Cyrus Caven, son of John Caven, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, September 17, 1831. He was reared on his father's farm in Westmoreland county, and his education was acquired in the schools of the neighborhood, his father having served as one of the first directors of the free schools. Being inured to life upon a farm, he being thoroughly familiar with all the details of farm life, he gave his attention to that line of work after completing his studies, and is the owner of two hundred and forty acres in Westmoreland county, all under cultivation, from which he derives a goodly income. He is progressive in his methods, thorough and painstaking in his work, and therefore merits the success which has attended his efforts. On October 1, 1894, he took up his residence in McKeesport, becoming the owner of the property where he resides, and in addition to that has four other pieces of real estate in McKeesport, all valuable property, which is steadily increasing in value. Mr. Caven is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and a Republican in politics.

Mr. Caven married, March 9, 1853, Susan Breniser, of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, born in 1834, died June 15, 1892, daughter of Peter Breniser. Children: 1. Sarah, married John W. Shoup; four children: Alva, Clyde, Ira, Alice. 2. Allen. 3. Nettie, deceased. 4. Peter. 5. Mary Idella, deceased; was the wife of Harry Peterson; had two children, both deceased. 6. John Lorimer.

LEWIS

James A. Lewis, merchant of West Elizabeth and treasurer of Jefferson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, descends from English ancestry, seated in Tredegar, county of Monmouth, England, and in Staffordshire. He is of the third generation of his family in Pennsylvania, his grandfather, Francis Lewis, coming in 1866, with wife and family.

(I) Francis Lewis was born in Staffordshire, England, June 11, 1815, came to the United States in 1866, and in October, 1868, was killed in Walton's coal mines at West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. He married Mary

Nicholas, born January 1, 1820, at Tredegar, England, died in West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, 1909. On coming to the United States in 1866 they settled at West Elizabeth and soon afterwards erected a log house in Jefferson township, one mile from West Elizabeth. They were members of the Episcopal Church in their native land, but in this country became connected with the Presbyterian Church. Children: David N., of further mention; William, Thomas, John, all deceased; Frank, yet living.

(II) David N. Lewis, eldest son of Francis and Mary (Nicholas) Lewis, was born in Tredegar, Monmouthshire, England, July 18, 1841, died in West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1905. Tredegar, the center of a rich mining district, early sends her sons to labor in the coal mines, and as a boy Mr. Lewis began the occupation that in the old and the new world ever claimed him, coal mining. He became an expert miner in Tredegar and labored continuously in the mines until the year 1865. In that year, on March 4, he married, and a few days thereafter sailed for the United States, arriving in New York City, April 14, 1865, the day President Lincoln was assassinated. He made his way to West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, resumed work as a miner and was so engaged until his death. The year after his arrival he sent for his wife, built a small home near West Elizabeth and there resided until his death.

He married, in Tredegar, England, March 4, 1865, Maria Woodward, born there February 18, 1845, who survives him, still a resident of West Elizabeth. She is the daughter of Richard Woodward, born in Gloucestershire, England, in June, 1806, died in Jefferson township, Pennsylvania, at the age of eighty-two years. He married Maria Jones, born in Wales, February 29, 1812, died in Jefferson township, Pennsylvania, aged eighty-one years. Richard Woodward was a miner in Tredegar until about 1865, then with wife and children came to the United States, stopping for a few months in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, then journeying west to the Monongahela Valley, where he resumed coal mining. About eighteen years prior to his death he retired and lived in easy comfort the remainder of his life. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Woodward: 1. Thomas, now at age of eighty years, living retired in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 2. William, now superintendent of water works at Leetonia, Ohio. 3. Maria, now the widow of David N. Lewis. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis: 1. James A., of further mention. 2. Thomas E., now residing at Jefferson township. 3. Elizabeth, married Francis Yeager. 4. Catherine, married Samuel Parson. 5. Mary, residing with her aged mother.

(III) James A. Lewis, eldest son of David N. and Maria (Woodward) Lewis, was born in West Elizabeth, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 9, 1866. He attended public school during the winter months until he was twelve years of age, then began working in the coal mines with his father. He continued a worker in the coal mines until 1896, when he abandoned the mine to devote his entire attention to the general store he had established in a small way five years earlier. This store stood on the hill, one mile from West Elizabeth, and although small when started in

1891, soon attracted a trade that in five years warranted Mr. Lewis giving his entire time to its operation. He continued at the old stand and prospered exceedingly until 1901, when on the site of the old store he built a fine new store and dwelling combined. Here in comfortable, roomy and well-designed quarters he maintains a well-stocked, well-managed, profitable general store, one of the best in the district. Like most men that circumstances denied the advantages of early educational training, Mr. Lewis realizes the handicap and is generously giving his children all that public schools and college can confer. He is a capable man of business, has gained the respect of his fellows by an upright life and years of honorable dealing and wherever known is held in high esteem.

He is a Republican in politics, served as assessor, school director and justice of the peace of Jefferson township under the old law and under the new law is serving a term of four years as the first treasurer of the township in full charge of township finances. He is a member of the West Elizabeth Presbyterian Church, which he serves as trustee, his family also communicants of that church. He has acquired important interests outside his mercantile business, the most important being in the First National Bank of West Elizabeth, of which he is vice-president and director. He is a member of the Masonic Order, belonging to Lodge, Chapter and Commandery, is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, and interested in all that pertains to the business, social and religious life of his town.

Mr. Lewis married (first) October 24, 1889, Sarah Belle Biddle, who died March 21, 1902. He married (second) May 28, 1908, a widow, Mrs. Mollie (Roesch) Webber. Children of first marriage: 1. Earl Leroy, born September 20, 1890; now a student at the University of Pittsburgh, class of 1915. 2. Iva Belle, born December 4, 1893, now a student at Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania, class of 1915. 3. James Alvin, born April 19, 1896; now a student at Washington-Jefferson University, class of 1918. 4. Sadie Muriel, born April 22, 1898. 5. Ira Glen, born June 19, 1900, died August 4, 1901.

McINTYRE

William McIntyre was born in the town of Luce, Scotland, and followed the occupation of farming. He was a member of the Church of England. He married and raised a family.

(II) William (2) McIntyre, son of William (1) McIntyre, was born at Wigton, Scotland, and came to America in May, 1832, bringing with him his wife and children, with the exception of his eldest son. In Scotland he had been a cooper, and he settled on a farm in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade and also cultivated his land. He and his family were members of the Established Church, and politically he was a Whig, and a man of influence in the community. He married Mary Nish, and had children, all now deceased: William; Margaret; Jane, died at the age of nineteen years; Jessie; James, of further mention; Mary Ann; John; Archibald Charles F.; Caroline Elizabeth Augusta.

(III) James McIntyre, son of William (2) and Mary (Nish) McIntyre, was born in Strauraer, Scotland, March 26, 1815, died October 14, 1896. Until the age of twenty-six years he was his father's assistant. In 1841 he settled in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, where he resided until 1866, when he bought a farm in Ross township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, on which he lived until his death. He was a Whig in politics, and an active member of the United Presbyterian Church. Mr. McIntyre married, in 1842, Anna, a daughter of John Ralston, who was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and emigrated to America in boyhood. Mrs. McIntyre was born February 26, 1818, and died April 6, 1909. They had children: Mary, who died January 7, 1893, married William Sloan, of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania; William Wilson, of further mention; Margaret Jane, married Robert McCaslin, of Talley Cavey, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, now deceased; Rebecca, of Bellevue, married John H. Thompson, now deceased; John Milton, a student of theology, died unmarried, November 21, 1876; Anna Eliza, married John Guyton, of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, who died about 1894; Caroline, married Josiah Hutchman, and now lives in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

(IV) William Wilson McIntyre, son of James and Anna (Ralston) McIntyre, was born in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, January 28, 1845. His elementary education was acquired in the public schools, and he then took a business course in the Iron City College. His entrance into business life was as a bookkeeper for the William Fleming Company, with which he remained two years, when ill health obliged him to return to the farm in order to have the benefit of an outdoor life. After his marriage he settled on a farm of seventy-three acres in Allegheny county, where he is engaged in general farming. His political affiliation is with the Republican party, and he has filled a number of public offices, among them being the following: School director, twenty-two years; auditor; assessor, twenty-eight years. He is a member of the United Presbyterian Church of Allison Park. Mr. McIntyre married, in 1877, Harriet M., a daughter of John Johnston, of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and has children: John Roy, born March 24, 1878, now operator of the Hart Oil Company, of Bellevue, Pennsylvania; James Ralph, born February 18, 1886, assists his father in the cultivation of the homestead farm.

PETERS

This name was originally spelled Peter, but in the course of years the "s" was added, and it is most frequently met with now in this form. All the old records. however, contain it as Peter. There is a tradition in the family that one of the paternal ancestors was the famous Inshbeagle, in Germany, whose practical jokes and humorous sayings were so original and witty that several volumes have been written about them, which are familiar to all German readers.

(I) ——— Peters was a butcher by trade, in Germany, as had been his forbears for at least five generations, and perhaps more. Like them, he also kept a tavern in addition to his butcher business, and they were an

important family in the community. Like all of his family, he was a member of the Lutheran Church. He and his children were of large stature, and exceedingly strong. He married, and had children: Frederick, who inherited the homestead, and continued the tavern and butcher business; ———, a saddler, who lived and died in Germany; William, of further mention; ———, a very strong woman, who could lift a tub full of water and place it upon her head to carry; a son.

(II) William Peters, son of the preceding, was born in Germany, attended school there, and then learned the butcher business under the able supervision of his father. Having found out that there were better opportunities here for a man of ambition, he emigrated to New York in a sailing vessel, the voyage lasting sixty days. He located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the same year, 1855, where he worked as a journeyman butcher for a time, then opened a stand in the Diamond Street Market, where he conducted his business for half a century. He took an active part in politics all his life, and was well known and popular, especially among the Germans. He was a Republican, and served one term in the legislature, during the Civil War under Governor Curtin, and in the city council of Allegheny, as a representative of the tenth ward, in which he lived on East street. He stood six feet two inches in his stocking feet, and bore so striking a resemblance to the old Emperor Wilhelm I., of Germany, that he was frequently called King William. He knew personally every farmer in Allegheny county, and he was accustomed to travel all over the county to purchase stock. He was a member and regular attendant of the German Lutheran Church. Mr. Peters married (first) Catherine Langfaust, born in 1838, died in 1874, whose parents came to Pittsburgh at an early date, her father becoming a truck farmer and spending his life for the greater part in East End, Pittsburgh. They had other children: Elizabeth, who married Conrad King, a truck gardener near Allegheny, Pennsylvania; a sister who married ———, a brother of Conrad King, also a farmer and truck gardener; a brother, who died while the family was en route to the United States. Mr. Peters married (second) Mrs. Mary Isler, a widow, who is now living in the twenty-sixth ward, Pittsburgh. Children by first marriage: Susan, married Frederick Staley, now deceased, lives at East End, Pittsburgh; Edward E., of further mention; Emma, married Jacob Richter, now deceased, lives at East End, Pittsburgh; William, an electrician in the employ of Stipple & Ward, in Pittsburgh; Charles N., a member of the firm in Peters Packing Company, married Margaret Flynn, and lives in McKeesport. Children by second marriage: Nettie, married ——— Hodle; Annie, married Carl Lohn, and lives in St. Louis, Missouri; Gertrude, unmarried. Mr. Peters died March 14, 1903, at the age of seventy-seven years.

(III) Edward E. Peters, son of William and Catherine (Langfaust) Peters, was born in Reserve township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, now the twenty-sixth ward of Pittsburgh, December 14, 1861. Until the age of fifteen years he attended the public schools in Allegheny, then learned the butcher's trade under his father's teachings, and worked for

him until he was thirty-one years of age. He then opened a stand for himself independently in the Diamond Street Market, in Pittsburgh, and conducted it for a period of six years. In the fall of 1901 Mr. Peters, in association with his brother, Charles N., removed to McKeesport, and engaged in the packing business on a small scale. From the very beginning their efforts were attended with success, and in 1904 the Peters Packing Company was incorporated, the officers at the present time being: Edward E. Peters, president; Charles N., vice-president and treasurer. In 1908 they erected a large steel, brick and cement packing plant on Rose street, the mere skeleton of the building costing a hundred thousand dollars. So confident are they that the building is absolutely fireproof that they carry no fire insurance. It is finely equipped for a plant of this kind with all the most modern appliances, and they employ upward of sixty men and women. The local trade and the Pittsburgh district is supplied by them, and they do an annual business of about one million dollars. Mr. Peters is a member of the Lutheran Church, and lives at No. 700 Market street.

Mr. Peters married, May 3, 1893, Florence, born in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Jacob and Christine Krepps, the latter of whom is still living. Mr. Krepps was born in Germany, and died in Pennsylvania, where he had been a farmer and a stock dealer, had been the Democratic candidate for congress, served in the Civil War, and was known as Captain Krepps. Mr. and Mrs. Peters have children: Edward, born February 9, 1895, is associated with his father in the packing business; Charles, born July 4, 1899.

FULTON

The Fulton family has been largely represented in this country for some generations, and almost all bearing this name have come here from Ireland. One of the bearers of it was Robert Fulton, the famous inventor. The branch under discussion in this review came to America about 1840, the progenitor settling in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he purchased land in Versailles township, which he farmed until his death. His wife was also born in the North of Ireland, and they had a number of children.

(II) Samuel Fulton, son of the immigrant ancestor, was an infant when brought to this country by his parents, and grew up in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. After his marriage he settled in Pittsburgh for a time, went to Nebraska in the late fifties, but soon returned to Pittsburgh, where he followed his trade as a painter for thirty-five years. Subsequently he removed to McKeesport, where he is now living retired. In national political affairs he holds Democratic views, and in local affairs he is an Independent. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Royal Arcanum. He married Matilda Ludwick, who died in 1909. Her father, a farmer, was of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. Children: Hugh, a painter, lives in McKeesport; John and William, died in infancy; Samuel, a printer; William, a printer; Nannie, married George H. Edwards, and resides in McKeesport; James Arthur, of further mention; Irwin, a painter,

James A. Fulton

lives in Glassport; Nellie, died in infancy; Lazillah, married C. M. Smith, and lives in McKeesport; George, a newsdealer, lives in Duquesne; Harry, a newsdealer, also living in Duquesne.

(III) James Arthur Fulton, son of Samuel and Matilda (Ludwick) Fulton, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, April 14, 1874. He was educated in the public schools of McKeesport, then apprenticed to learn the painter's trade, a calling he followed twelve years. He was then identified with the printing business for some time, being superintendent of a newspaper route, and then devoted his time and attention to public affairs, greatly to the benefit of the community. In February, 1909, he was elected treasurer of the city of McKeesport and served until January 1, 1914. He is now in office as collector and school treasurer, with offices on the seventh floor of the People's Bank Building. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Versailles Cemetery Company. He is rather independent politically, and his fraternal connection is as follows: Junior Order of United American Mechanics; Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; Grand Fraternity and Knights of Pythias; also identified with the Pittsburgh Press Club, the American Academy of Social Science, and several other organizations. He married, October 31, 1905, Bertha, born in McKeesport, a daughter of E. M. and Margaret Rodgers, and a member of the Coursin Street Methodist Episcopal Church. They have had children: Samuel M. and James R.

RUSSELL

The Russell family of Glassport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, well and favorably known in the community for upwards of a quarter of a century, the members of which are noted for their many excellent characteristics, is of Irish origin.

(I) Thomas Russell was born in Ireland, and reared, educated and married there. About the year 1853 he emigrated to the United States and located in Spencer, Massachusetts, and there died in the same year. His widow and eldest son, Thomas, then went to California, and there Mrs. Russell, whose Christian name was Honora, died in the year 1881. They were the parents of children: Thomas, James Bernard, of further mention; Patrick, Maggie, Kate.

(II) James Bernard Russell, son of Thomas and Honora Russell, was born in Ireland in 1844. He was nine years of age when he came to this country with his parents, and attended the common schools for a time at Spencer, Massachusetts, remaining there until he was eighteen years of age, and serving in the capacity of manager for Gleason & Tibbitt. He then went to Chicago, Illinois, where he remained a few years, and from there removed to Wheeling, West Virginia, serving as manager of the glass works for the firm of Hobbs & Brukcune until the year 1882. He then removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and for some time was proprietor of the Point Breeze Hotel, located on the corner of Fifth street and Pennsylvania avenue, and making a success of this enterprise. Later he was a manager of glass works in Homestead, Pennsylvania, and in Fostoria, Ohio, the

last named factory being subsequently sold to the United States Glass Company. He then removed to Kent, Ohio, where he served as manager of glass works until October 1, 1893, when he took up his residence in Glassport, Pennsylvania, and became manager of the United States Glass Company. He resigned from this position in 1904, retiring from active business pursuits, and living thus until his death, which occurred July 5, 1913. From his and his wife's earnings they saved sufficient capital to enable him to erect a large double house located on the corner of Sixth and Monongahela streets, Glassport, where he spent the remainder of his days. He was a communicant of the Catholic Church, and a Republican in politics. He was interested in all the movements calculated to advance the interests of his adopted city, and his influence for good was felt in many ways. He erected the first double brick house in Glassport, also laid the first cement sidewalk, thus making him a pioneer of the town.

Mr. Russell married, December 17, 1882, Rosella, born in Baltimore, Maryland, a daughter of George and Minerva (Marsailles) Meier, the former born in Germany in 1809, the latter born in Marseilles, France, in 1819. They came to the United States, he with his father, his mother having died in Germany, she with her parents, who died in Baltimore, Maryland. George Meier was a farmer in Maryland, and also conducted a brewery there for a time. Later he was the proprietor of a hotel at York, Pennsylvania, where he died in 1883, the death of his wife occurring in 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Meier were the parents of children, as follows: Agnes, Charles, Amelia, Minnie, George, Henry, Albert, William, deceased; Sarah, Rosella, aforementioned as the wife of James B. Russell; Mary.

Mrs. Russell was educated in St. Alphonzo Parochial School and the School of the Immaculate Conception, and was confirmed in the Catholic Church. She was appointed postmistress of Glassport, December 29, 1898, and held the office until March 30, 1911, a period of almost thirteen years, when she tendered her resignation. She was faithful and conscientious in the performance of her duties, and won the commendation of her superiors in office, also the respect of all the residents of the place. She is a woman of culture and refinement, and her home is noted for the hospitality dispensed there. A niece of Mrs. Russell married a son of John Henry Rommel.

(The Rommel Line.)

(I) Henry Rommel was born at Fulda, Kurhessen, Germany, in 1816, and died in 1849. He was a member of the cavalry, the Cuirassiers, and the privilege of marrying having been refused him because the lady of his choice was of the Catholic faith, he resigned his commission, married her and emigrated to the United States in 1837. He made his home in Baltimore, Maryland, and in 1844 removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at South Side, where he lived until his death occurred. In Baltimore he was a contractor for the unloading of cargoes, and he was weighmaster at McKnights Mill. Mr. Rommell married Mary Elizabeth Dicker, born in Kreis Hennefeldt, Kurhessen, Germany, in 1808, died in 1883. They had children:

Josephine; John Henry, of further mention; Mary, born in January, 1845. Mrs. Rommel married (second) Philip Rohm, and had one child: Henry.

(II) John Henry Rommel, son of Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Dicker) Rommel, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, October 23, 1837. He was educated in the public schools of his native city, in St. Michael's parochial school on Pius street, and the St. Michael Seminary on Pius street, now removed to Glenwood. He lived there during the big fire of Pittsburgh in 1845, which he witnessed, standing near Dr. Bedford's brickyard. He was apprenticed to learn the art of glassmaking, being bound until he was twenty-one years of age with Mr. Mulvaney. He next went with McKee & Company, then with the Philip & Best Glass Company, next with Fry, Hogan & Company, of Bridgewater, and in 1861 was made a member of this firm. His next business connection was with John Adams, at the old Jenny Lind factory, at the corner of Ross and Water streets, and from there he went to Alexander King Adams, and bought the soda works at the corner of Twelfth and Brear streets. Later he was with Fry, Lippincott & Company, then King, Son & Company, and in 1879 removed to Leesdale, where he became a member of the firm of Lindsay & Company. In 1884 he formed a connection with Brice Brothers, at the corner of Sidney and Twenty-first streets, Pittsburgh, remained with them until 1894, when he came to Glassport, and entered the employ of the United States Glass Works. Mr. Rommel was a communicant of the Catholic Church, and a Republican in politics.

Mr. Rommel married, November 23, 1862, Margaret Fox, born at South Side, Pittsburgh, February 22, 1841, a daughter of Peter and Anna Mary (Coleman) Fox, both born in Bavaria, Germany, and emigrated to this country in 1833, coming to Pittsburgh, where he died in 1855 at the age of forty-nine years, and she died in 1872, at the age of sixty-nine years. They had children: Gregory, Margaret, Anna Mary, mentioned above. Mr. Fox was a labor boss in McKnights Mill at Pittsburgh, was a Whig in politics, and a member of the Catholic Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Rommel had children: 1. Mary, born in 1864, died in 1910; she married Isaac Norris, and had children: Alpha, Bessie, Beatrice, John, Mildred, Margaret, Winifred, Dorothea, Chester; Beatrice married Ellis Lee, of Carnegie, and has children: Edward, Dorothy, Ellis. 2. Lizzie, born in 1869; is sacristy girl in the Catholic Church at Glassport. 3. Harry, died at the age of six months. 4. Harry, born in 1872; manager in the factory of the United States Glass Works at Glassport; married Gertrude Barbetta, a niece of Mrs. Russell, and has children: Harriet, Frank, Margaret, Elizabeth. 5. Charles, born in 1876, died in 1878. 6. Charles, born September 14, 1880; a glass worker; unmarried.

GEORGE

Immediately after the Revolutionary War, among the great tide of immigrants flooding from Ireland to America at that time, came the first known founder of the George family from Ulster county, Ireland, to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in the person

of ——— George, a linen weaver. He was accompanied by his wife, by whom he had seven children. He died in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, about 1839, leaving the following children: Sally (Firmal), Matty Caldwell, Pollie (Wodard), Thomas, William, John, James, of whom further.

About the same time ——— Reesman and his wife Elizabeth migrated from Holland to America, also settling in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. They were of the hardiest Dutch stock, living to a ripe old age in spite of the hardships of migration, the husband dying at the age of ninety, and Elizabeth at one hundred and three. They were the parents of ten children, as follows: David, John, James, Wilson, George, Mary, Margaret, Harriet, Jane, Elizabeth Ann, born April 25, 1817, died June 20, 1892.

In 1837 the lines of George and Reesman were connected by the marriage of James George to Elizabeth Ann Reesman. After their marriage they moved to Clarion county, Pennsylvania, taking up residence about three miles from Corsica, in Limestone township, where he lived until his death in January, 1883, at the age of eighty years. He was one of the most respected men in his community, and was an active member of the Presbyterion Church for over forty years. His wife also, who died at the old home near Corsica, was one of the most beloved women of the neighborhood. Her unquestioning faith and loving, untiring help in times of poverty and sickness endeared her to all throughout the country district. They had the following children: James Foster, later an officer in the Civil War; Nancy Elizabeth, deceased; Mary Agnes, deceased; William Nixon, also an officer in the Civil War; Martha Jane; Sarah Anne; Margaret Adeline; John Wallace; Eliza Angelina; Thomas Jefferson, of whom further; Harriet Selina.

Thomas Jefferson George attended the public schools of Corsica, then Corsica Academy, later graduating from Edinboro State Normal School. He then served as principal of the Eldred schools for five years, leaving here to become an instructor in the Edinboro State Normal School, where he also pursued post-graduate work. After three years, he became head of the academy at Oakdale, which place he left after three years to become Professor of Latin at Duquesne College. In 1896 he moved to Carnegie, having accepted the commission of organizing and becoming principal of the high school at that place. After its formation he held the principalship for fifteen years. In 1910 he received an appointment as superintendent of all the Carnegie schools, and has since been the efficient head of the Carnegie school system. He is an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Carnegie; has been the assistant superintendent of the Sunday school for many years; was president of the Schoolmasters' Club of Western Pennsylvania, and of the Principals' Round Table of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. In 1889 he married Asenath Margaret Black.

(The Black Line.)

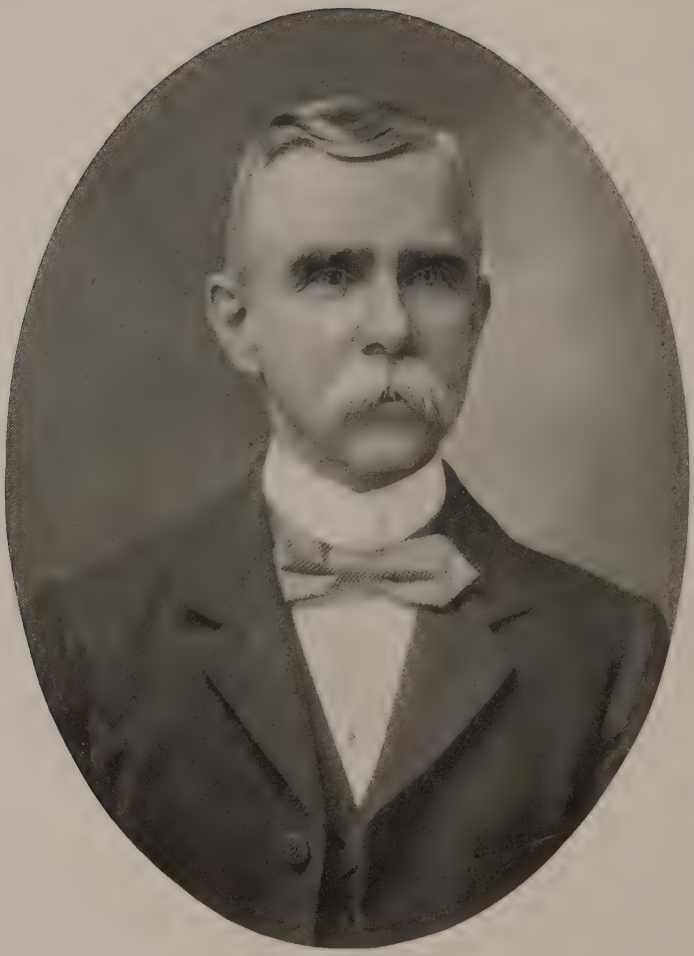
The origin of this line of Blacks is Scotch, although Irish residence

was long claimed by members of the family. In the north of Ireland, in the province of Ulster, in the county of Antrim, lived a Mr. Black, having a large family of sons and daughters. There also lived a Mr. White, who had one daughter. Both of these families were of Scotch birth and Presbyterian religion. In course of time one of the sons of the house of Black took to wife the daughter of the house of White, and to them were born several sons and daughters. One of these sons, John by name, a stone mason and bricklayer by trade, wedded his cousin Letitia, daughter of Paul Black, another of the Ulsterites, in 1807. Soon after the birth of their daughter Mary in 1808 they decided to migrate to America, where their brother, Samuel Black, had preceded them to the county of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Here they lived for some time, finally leaving to seek a western home beyond the Alleghenies, buying and settling a farm in Upper St. Clair township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. They soon became active members of the United Presbyterian Church of Mt. Lebanon, their church formerly having been the Associate Reformed. For some time after their arrival in Allegheny county they lived in a log cabin covered with Virginia creeper, and having a wooden chimney, afterwards building a stone house, where they died in 1854. Both were buried in the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery. They were the parents of: 1. Mary, married John McClure, and died in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. 2. Samuel, died in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. 3. Paul, a farmer, died at Aledo, Illinois. 4. John, of whom further. 5. Robert, journeyed to California in 1849, and there died. 6. Martha, married Alexander Bower, and died in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. 7. Lettitia, died young. 8. Mathew, a farmer, died in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 9. Lizzie, married Thomas Hanna, and died in Beaver county, Pennsylvania.

John (2) Black, son of John (1) and Letitia (Black) Black, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1816, died in Chippewa township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, April 19, 1891. He became a general merchant, and after his marriage settled in Darlington, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, later moving to Homewood, in the same county, in both places conducting operations along mercantile lines. Failure of health caused him to abandon this business, so he purchased land in Chippewa township, where he farmed until his death, aged seventy-five years. Both he and his wife were members of the Associate Reformed Church, and in politics he was independent of party ties. He married Sarah Wilson, born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, in 1820, died in Darlington, that county, July 28, 1893, daughter of Joseph and Isabella Wilson. Joseph Wilson was a son of Robert Wilson, a native of Ireland, who came to the United States from that country and settled in Eastern Pennsylvania. While there he married Sarah Friend, of German descent, afterwards moving to Western Pennsylvania, where he died. He was a soldier in a Pennsylvania regiment in the American army during the war for independence, and was in Washington's command during that terrible winter of 1777-78 at Valley Forge. Joseph Wilson was born in Eastern Pennsyl-

vania, died in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. He moved to the western part of the state probably prior to 1812, purchasing a farm of generous dimensions between Beaver Falls and Darlington, in Beaver county, clearing and improving the same, and there living until his death, his wife also dying on the farm, and both being buried in the Darlington Cemetery. Isabella, his wife, was a daughter of John and Mary (McGregor) McCague, who received a government grant of land in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. There they were among the earliest pioneers of the region, then a wilderness, uninhabited save by hostile Indians, and helped pave the way for its later settlement. They were formerly natives of Donegal county, Ireland. Daniel McCague, brother of Isabella, who came over at the same time, served throughout the War of 1812, dying at the age of eighty-eight. Children of Joseph and Isabella Wilson: 1. John, died on the homestead, a part of which he owned; he was an extensive sheep raiser. 2. Mary, died unmarried on the home farm, aged eighty-two years. 3. Sarah, of previous mention, married John (2) Black. 4. James, died unmarried in young manhood. 5. Martha, married McClure Wilson, and died aged seventy years in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. Children of John (2) and Sarah (Wilson) Black: 1. Isabella, married Joseph Douthitt, and resides in Chippewa township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania. 2. Mary, married John McClain, and lives in the same township. 3. Franklin, died aged sixteen years. 4. Wilson, a real estate agent, died in Oklahoma. 5. Joseph, a farmer of Beaver county, Pennsylvania. 6. William, died aged nine years. 7. Asenath Margaret, of whom further.

Asenath Margaret Black, daughter of John (2) and Isabella (Wilson) Black, was born in Darlington, Beaver county, Pennsylvania. After attending the public schools she became a student in Pearsol's Academy at Bridgewater, Pennsylvania, later entering the Edinboro State Normal School, whence she graduated in the class of 1886. For two years after her graduation she taught in Chippewa township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, after which she married Thomas J. George. Mrs. George holds membership in the Monday Club, of Carnegie, of which she was an organizer and of which she has been president. They have two children, as follows: 1. Ralph, who was graduated from Carnegie High School in 1908, and four years later from the University of Pittsburgh; the following year he took a post-graduate course in the University of Pennsylvania, after which he received an appointment as instructor in the Department of Economics in the University of Lehigh, South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and a year later became associate professor in the Department of Economics at Whitman College, Walla Walla, Washington. 2. Edwin, was graduated from Carnegie High School in 1913, and is now (1914) a student in the University of Pittsburgh. Both boys were graduated with first honor from the high school, and both were active in inter-collegiate debates and other school activities, Ralph being editor-in-chief of the *Pitt Weekly*, the University paper.



Harry Gordon

GORDON

The Gordon family is doubtless of Norman origin, is well known in England, and has been prominent in Scotland since before the year 1150. No Scotch surname is more honored, and perhaps none more widely known. As early as 1150 the family is found in Aberdeenshire, Kirkcidbrightshire, Banffshire, Berwickshire, Sutherlandshire, and in other counties of Scotland. The family possess the dukedom and marquisate of Gordon and Huntley; earldoms of Aberdeen, Aboyne, Eozie Huntley, Moray; viscountcies of Formartine, Inverness, Kenmure, Meldrum; lordships of Badenoch, etc., Haddo, etc., Lochinvar, Strathaven, etc. Various branches bear coats-of-arms. A branch of the familly went to Ireland about 1610, when Ulster was settled by the Scotch Presbyterians by order of King James.

Robert Gordon was born in Lancashire, England, in Stockport, and there his entire life was spent. He was a pattern maker by trade, and followed his calling very successfully. He and his wife were members of the Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal church. He married Mary, a daughter of Edward Eden, a fine portrait of whom now hangs in the home of her son, Harry Longson Gordon, in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. She was brought to America by her children in 1884, and died in McKeesport, in December, 1888. They had children: 1. Edward, who was a foreman in the National Tube Works, died in McKeesport. 2. Robert, a machinist, spent some time in America, but died in England. 3. Elizabeth, died at the age of twenty-three years. 4. Harry Longson, of further mention.

Harry Longson Gordon, son of Robert and Mary (Eden) Gordon, was born in Stockport, Lancashire, England, January 28, 1850, died in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, September 16, 1909. He was educated in the schools of his native town, and was then apprenticed to learn the trade of pattern making, his apprenticeship extending over a period of five years. In 1873 he emigrated to America, and here joined his brother Edward, who was foreman of the pattern making department of the National Tube Works. Mr. Gordon had no difficulty in obtaining a position in the same department with his brother, and upon the death of the latter, in October, 1880, he succeeded him as foreman, and filled this responsible post with ability until his own death. At that time he was one of the oldest employes of this concern in point of uninterrupted service, having been with them thirty-six years, during twenty-nine of which he held the position of foreman. In politics he was a Republican, and he was a member of the Improved Order of Heptasophs, the Knights of Pythias, and had been treasurer of the Foresters of America for twenty-three years.

He visited England in the month of June, 1878, and on August 7 of the same year was married in Stockport to Sarah Ellen Wild, born there February 8, 1853. She was a daughter to Edmund James and Damaris (Shawcross) Wild, lifelong residents of Stockport, where he was a butcher, and died in May, 1886, while his wife survived him until February, 1912. Of their ten children those who came to America were: Sarah Ellen, who married Mr. Gordon, and Abraham Longson, a meat dealer, who died in

McDonald, Pennsylvania. For thirty-three years Mr. and Mrs. Gordon lived at the corner of Tube Works street and Whigham avenue, where they erected a fine residence in 1898. In 1903 they visited England, in order to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary there, and Mrs. Gordon again went there in 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon have had children: 1. Herbert Edmund, born January 28, 1880; teller in the People's Bank, in McKeesport; he lives in Versailles township; married Mary Belle Michael, and has one son, Herbert Edmund Jr. 2. Mabel Wild, born July 24, 1882; married Harry Alfred Dalby, a steel man; lives in Gary, Indiana; has two sons, Harry Gordon and George Murray. 3. Minnie Eden, born November 12, 1883. 4. Ellen, born October 25, 1885; married Walter B. Patterson, assistant superintendent of the Prudential Insurance Company; lives in Charleroi; has children, Ruth Ellen and Margaret Gordon.

WHIGHAM

Robert Whigham, whose parents were of Irish birth, was born on the banks of the Schuylkill river, in Eastern Pennsylvania, and came to Versailles township, Allegheny county, in early manhood. He was a stone mason by trade, and located in McKeesport, where he was the owner of a farm which became very valuable property as the town developed. He married Nancy Stewart, a daughter of Samuel and Nancy S. (Dinsmore) Stewart, who settled in McKeesport in 1785, the former a farmer by occupation. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Whigham: John, a carpenter, married Caroline Townsend; William, married Rachel Gray; Stewart, married Mary Gray, and lived on a farm in McKeesport; Ann, died young; Robert, married Margaret Taylor and lived on a farm near McKeesport; Hamilton, of further mention; Thomas, died at the age of twenty, while traveling on a boat from Illinois to Pennsylvania; Margaret, married Nathaniel Clark; Nancy, married William Sill and lived in McKeesport; Elizabeth, married John Galatin, a river pilot; Matilda, married James Crawford, and they owned and lived on a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Mifflin township, now Duquesne; Rachel, married Alfred O'Neil and lived in McKeesport. Robert Whigham and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church, and he died in McKeesport at the age of seventy-three.

Thomas Whigham, a brother of Robert Whigham, settled in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, on the west bank of the Monongahela river. He married Sallie McKee, a daughter of the founder of McKeesport. To this union five children were born: William, John, Margaret, married Tom Morton; Nancy, married a Mr. Bailey; Sadie, married a Mr. Fritz.

Hamilton Whigham, son of Robert and Nancy (Stewart) Whigham, was born at Crooked Run, Versailles township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1822. He was educated in the public schools and his early years were spent on the farm owned by his father. He was a coal merchant on the Monongahela and Ohio rivers, and followed this for some years. Later he became identified with boat building, and finally retired to private life, having become the owner of property on Shaw avenue and Locust and

Petty streets. He gave his political support to the Republican party, and he and his wife were members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Mr. Whigham married Matilda Sill, a daughter of Colonel Jesse Sill, who fought in the war of 1812, and was the owner of two large farms on the site of the present Christy Park. Mrs. Whigham was born in Versailles township in 1825, and died December 2, 1902. Colonel Sill was the father of nine children: John, who lived on a farm in Versailles township; William, a coal merchant and steamboat owner, lived in McKeesport; Matilda, mentioned as having married Mr. Whigham; Ruth, married William Mehaffey, a farmer and plasterer; Ann, married Mr. Atwater, a merchant of McKeesport; Maria, married Walter Foster, lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Susan, married James Espey, lived in Washington county; Eliza, married a Mr. Foster, and another daughter married a Mr. Webb. Mr. and Mrs. Whigham had eleven children: William, a retired boat builder, lives in California, married (first) Lucinda Wilkins, (second) Caroline Crow; Robert, a private in Company I, Sixty-third Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, died while in service of typhoid fever; Orphalena, married Burt Patterson, both deceased; Columbus, a steamboat captain, died unmarried at the age of thirty-eight; Elizabeth, married Miller Chester, a carpenter, lives in McKeesport; George, died unmarried, in McKeesport; Annie, died unmarried; Thomas, a caulker by trade, lives in Jeannette, Pennsylvania, married Mary Moore; Matilda, died at the age of fourteen years; John Hamilton, mentioned further; Irene, married Harvey Hutchinson, lives in Buffalo, New York.

John Hamilton Whigham, son of Hamilton and Matilda (Sill) Whigham, was born in McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, June 12, 1861, in the old brick house at the corner of Shaw avenue and Locust street, now occupied by Walker, the undertaker. He acquired a good education in the public schools of McKeesport, later learning the carpenter trade under Orville Edmundson and Thomas Lysle. He followed this trade for a few years, then became shearman in the tin plate mills at Demmler, where he remained for ten years. In 1905 he entered the employ of the Port Vue tin plate mills and is still employed there. Mr. Whigham has passed all his life in McKeesport, except six years which he spent in Mifflin township. He and his family reside at No. 612 Petty street, and are members of the Central Presbyterian Church. His fraternal affiliation is with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and the Woodmen of the World. On May 10, 1882, Mr. Whigham married Jennie B. White, a daughter of Alexander and Isabel White, who resided in Mifflin township, just across the Monongahela river from McKeesport. She was a school teacher, having taught several years prior to her marriage in the vicinity of her home. Mr. and Mrs. Whigham have two children: 1. Hamilton, unmarried. 2. Belle, who married William B. Stallings, a wholesale confectioner. To this union have been born two children: John Whigham Stallings and William B. Stallings Jr.

KERR

The subject of this sketch, Thomas Robinson Kerr, M. D., is a member of an old family in the United States, descended from Walter Ker, whose posterity at this day numbers many thousands.

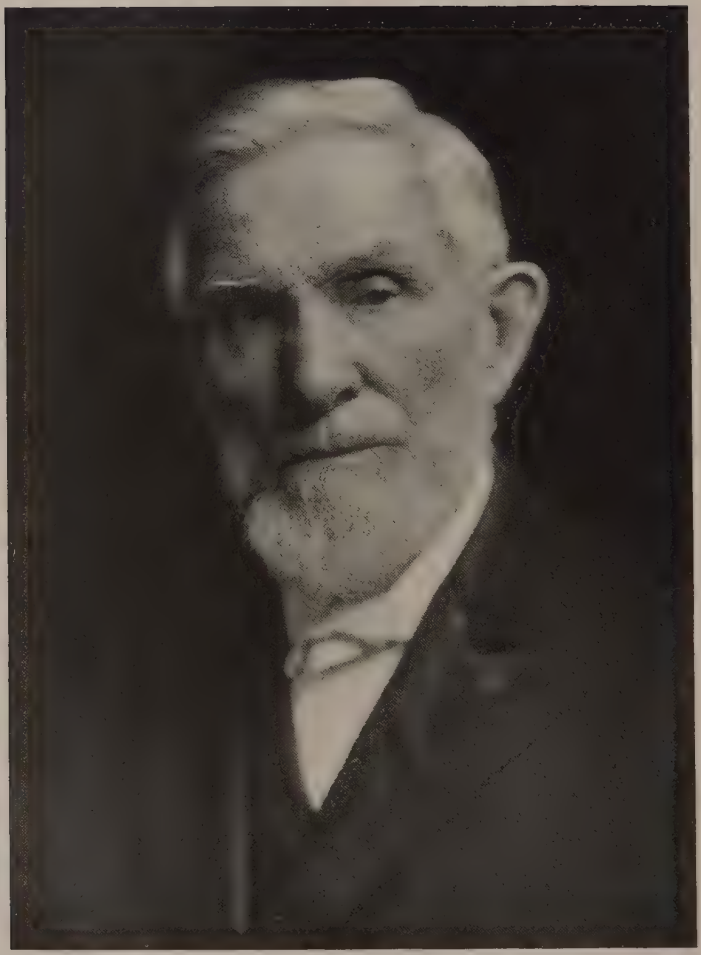
The first mention of the family in Scotch history is of a young chieftain, William Ker, the companion and friend from boyhood of William Wallace. "The stem of this brave name, in subsequent times, became two great branches, the Roxburghe and the Lothian." John Ker, of the forest of Selkirk, in 1357, was the father of Henry, sheriff of Roxburghe. In 1616 Robert of Cessford, a gigantic warrior popularly known as "Habby Ker," was created Duke of Roxburghe, and English honors were conferred upon the third Duke of Roxburghe in 1722, creating him Earl Ker. The present head of the family in Scotland is Henry John, eighth Duke of Roxburghe. Sir Walter Scott says, "The family of Ker was very powerful on the Border." Fynes Morrison remarks, in his travels, that their influence extended "from the village of Preston-Grange in Lothian to the Limits of England." The "Middle March" was ruled by the Kers; and the raids, the feuds among the clans, and centuries of border warfare have been the subject for a literature of stirring tales and ballads, in which it is evident they believed in that day that "All is dishonorabell quhair there is not eie for eie and tuith for tuith." They were a gallant host of freebooters whose memory still is green.

Walter Ker, the ancestor of the family in America, was born in the Parish of Dalsert, Lanarkshire, Scotland, in 1656. He, with other Scotch non-conformists, was deprived of his property and exiled under perpetual banishment in 1685, during the "Killing Times," as they are known in history, when more than 18,000 were martyred for their faith. He came to America in the ship "Henry and Francis" and settled in Monmouth county, near Freehold, New Jersey. He became a landowner, as his name in early deeds may show, in Matawan, in Topanemus and near old Tennent Church. He was evidently a man of strong opinions and force of character, and he and his sons were active elders and deacons in the church. He was called "The Father of Old Tennent." About one-half mile east of Old Tennent Church is the grave of Walter Ker, the Old Covenanter. His gravestone may still be seen, bearing its quaint inscription:

"Here lies what's Mortal of Walter Ker
Deceased June 10th 1748 in ye 92 year of his age
Who long with Patience Bore life's heavy load
Willing to spend & to be spent for God
The noble Portrait in a line to paint
He breath'd a Father liv'd & Dy'd a saint
Here sleeps in peace the aged sire's Dust
Till the glad Trump arouse the sleeping Just."

His wife, Margaret, born in 1661, died in 1734 and they left four sons: William, Samuel, Joseph and John.

William Ker, the oldest son of Walter Ker, was the father of nine children. His third son, Nathan, was educated at Princeton, ordained by the presbytery, and was pastor of the church in Goshen, New York, for thirty-eight years. One of the treasures of Old Tennent Church is the deed



Rev N. P. Kerr

from William Ker for the first acre of ground in Old Tennent Cemetery and on which the old church now stands. It is dated May 1, 1731, and the consideration one shilling. On his farm, situated a short distance southwest of Freehold on the Hightstown road, the main part of the Battle of Monmouth took place, one of the hardest fought and longest battles of the Revolution, and its victory was the turning point of the war for independence. His house was used as a hospital by the Americans.

Nathaniel Ker, William Ker's eighth child, was born in 1745. He married Hannah Preston. The Prestons were one of the Monmouth families who later moved to Virginia. Nathaniel Ker emigrated to western Pennsylvania, and was the father of eleven children. At least three of his sons died in the War of 1812.

Nathaniel Preston Kerr (as the name is now spelled), sixth child of Nathaniel Ker, married Mary Gallagher, near what is now Apollo, Pennsylvania. They pushed on further west; he bought and partially cleared his farm in Columbiana county, Ohio, then answered the call of his country and died in the War of 1812, near Erie, Pennsylvania. He was buried there by a comrade, who wrapped his body in bark and grass. He left three children: Thomas Gallagher, Nathaniel Preston and Mary Ann.

Thomas Gallagher Kerr was born in 1808 in Columbiana county, Ohio. His boyhood was spent on his Grandfather Thomas Gallagher's farm near Apollo. He worked at his trade of blacksmithing near Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania, now Monaca; married Grizel Henderson McCurdy, whose father fought in the War of 1812, and whose grandfather and great-grandfather were officers in the Revolution. Later he was a steamboat builder of the firm McCaskey & Kerr, which was in business for over forty years, building some of the largest and finest boats that plied the Ohio and Mississippi rivers in the palmy days of steamboating. He was well known in all the river towns and cities between Pittsburgh and New Orleans. Among the famous boats of the day which he built was the Messenger, on which Charles Dickens traveled; also the following other early boats: Crystal Palace, Republic, John C. Simonds, Pennsylvania, Joseph Pierce, Grand Turk, Harry Brown and Jos. D. Williams. (Mark Twain was pilot on the Pennsylvania, and says of the Grand Turk that she was a "fast and famous boat.") He was justice of the peace for nearly fifty years, a charter member of the Freedom Methodist Episcopal Church and a leader in all church enterprises, faithful in life and strong attachment to his church. He was one of the original settlers of Freedom, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where he lived until his death in 1887. He had eleven children, three of whom are still living: William Wallace, Rev. Nathaniel Preston and Mary (Kerr) McCaskey.

Rev. Nathaniel Preston Kerr was born March 10, 1835, in Freedom, Pennsylvania. As a boy he worked in his father's boatyard and made several trips as "ship's carpenter" on the river between Pittsburgh and New Orleans, and Pittsburgh and Minneapolis, and also above the Falls of St. Anthony on the first steamboat that ran from St. Anthony's Falls to

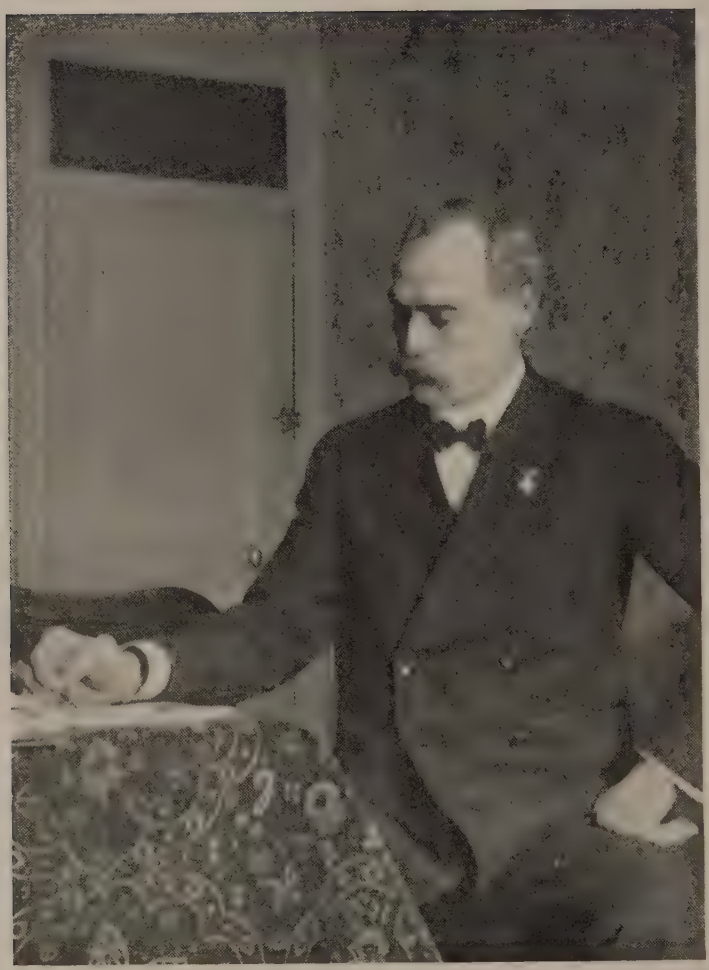
Sauk Rapids. This boat, the H. M. Rice, was built by his uncle, Nathaniel Preston Kerr, who served as its captain.

He was a charter member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Minneapolis. When he felt the call to preach he entered Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio, and in 1862 became a member of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference. He was in the active work of the ministry forty-three consecutive years. His theological seminary was the circuit, his library in his saddle-bags—for the first three years of his work. Later he served many important charges in Pittsburgh and surrounding county seats; was secretary of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference for fourteen years, and of the Ministerial Relief Association for a longer period. He organized several church societies and built several churches during his ministry. He retired from the active work in 1905 and built his home in Oakmont, Pennsylvania, where he still lives, among his sons, at eighty years of age. He recently laid the cornerstone of the Oakmont Methodist Episcopal Church, an edifice in process of building. This society he organized twenty-two years before and laid the cornerstone of the first church. He has been past master in the Masonic fraternity for more than fifty years.

He married Emma Josephine Robinson, of Freedom, Pennsylvania, in 1864. She died in 1912. He had nine children of whom five are still living: 1. Mary Virginia, married Edwin Stanton Bayard; they have one son, Samuel Preston Bayard. 2. Thomas Robinson, of whom further. 3. William Wallace, married Josephine Brown and has two daughters: Margaret M., married to Carl W. Klein, of Freedom, Pennsylvania, and Emma R. 4. Emma Robinson, married Dorsey Weston Yealy, of Derry, Pennsylvania, and has one daughter, Isabel Wells Yealy. 5. Durbin Swaney, married Mary Belle Yealy; they have four children: Dorothy Robinson, Mary Akers, Ethel Lenore and Nathaniel Preston Kerr 3d. Also one great-granddaughter, Virginia Dagmar, daughter of Margaret (Kerr) Klein, of Freedom, Pennsylvania.

Thomas Robinson Kerr, M. D., was born June 25, 1868, in West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. He was educated at Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1892 with honors from the Western Pennsylvania Medical College, now Medical Department of the University of Pittsburgh. After leaving school he practiced for one year with Dr. W. S. Throckmorton, with whom he had read medicine, and then located in Oakmont, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He married Jessie, only daughter of Dr. W. S. Throckmorton, of Nineveh, Greene county, Pennsylvania. They have one daughter, Mary Virginia Kerr. The Throckmortons were an old Monmouth county family—a street in Freehold, New Jersey, bearing their name.

Dr. Kerr has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal church since he was nine years of age and has always been active in the work of the church, occupying many prominent and responsible official positions. He has been a steward for twenty years and is in his third year as Sunday school superintendent. He is a member of the building committee of the new



Henry Hubbard

church now being erected. He organized the Young Men's Methodist Club and the Susannah Wesley Club in connection with the Oakmont Church. In politics he is Republican, of which party his father and grandfather were also staunch adherents. He is a Knight of Pythias; a charter member of the Phi Beta Pi fraternity, Alpha Chapter; and is a member of the Allegheny County Medical Society and of the American Medical Association.

HUBBARD

The Hubbard family of Avalon, which for many years was represented by the late Henry De Forest Hubbard, trace their descent to five brothers who settled in the New England States in the early part of its history, contributing their share toward its development and progress.

Harvey Hubbard, father of Henry De Forest Hubbard, was born at Old Stanwich, Connecticut, died in the state of Missouri. He was educated in the schools adjacent to his home, and later became a navigator of note, and was also owner of a farm in Huron county, Ohio. He was married three times, his last wife, Emeline Jane (Ackley) Hubbard, born in New York City or Philadelphia, was the mother of six children, among whom was Henry De Forest.

Henry De Forest Hubbard was born in Ripley township, Huron county, Ohio, October 24, 1860. After completing his studies in the schools of his native township, he turned his attention to acquiring a knowledge of the vocation of engineering and in due course of time became a mechanical and constructing engineer, entering the employ of the C. & G. Cooper Company, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, for whom he traveled extensively. Later he served as constructing engineer with the Oil Well Supply Company, and had charge of the engineering of twenty-one shops at the time of the building of Oil City; was chief engineer and general manager of the Manchester Traction Company; was with the Avalon Auto Company; and with the Wooly Smokeless Company of New York City for one year. He was one of the most competent and reliable engineers in that section of the state. He was a self-made man, learning his trade in the machine shops of Cleveland, Ohio, and attending night school in order to supplement the education received during his boyhood. He served one term as sheriff of Bear county, Texas. He was an Independent in politics, an adherent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a thirty-second degree Mason. He resided at Esplen (Pittsburgh) until 1903, when he removed to Avalon, where his death occurred January 11, 1913.

Mr. Hubbard married (first) Alice Metheny; children: Claude, Harry, Fred, George; married (second) December 31, 1891, Minnie E. Moore, of Massillon, Ohio, daughter of Charles F. and Julia R. (Runyan) Moore, the former of whom was born in Lyons, New York, and the latter in Federalsburg, Maryland, and a granddaughter on the paternal side of John and Mary (Wright or Williams) Moore, of Maryland, the former named a slaveholder, and on the maternal side of James and Eliza (Blount) Runyan, the former named born in New York, and the latter named in Connecticut.

Charles P. Moore enlisted in Company G. Eastern Shore Maryland Volunteers, and returned from the war without having received a wound. He was a moulder by trade. He died at the Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Ohio, August, 1906. His wife, prior to her marriage, taught painting in the public school, also taught Sunday school for forty-three years; she died at the age of eighty-six years. They were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard: Helen Emilie, resides at home; Mary Grace, a student in the high school, resides at home; Dorothy Moore, deceased; Florence Carol, deceased; John De Forest, deceased. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church of Bellevue.

JOHNSTON

The Johnston family is well known and highly respected in the vicinity of Wilkinsburg, in which section of the state they have resided for many years, since the arrival of the emigrant in this country from his native land, Ireland.

(I) Charles Johnston, grandfather of Benjamin Harra Johnston, of Wilkinsburg, was born in Ireland, there reared and educated, married in Scotland, —— Rodgers, great-granddaughter of John Rodgers, and upon their arrival in this country they settled in the vicinity of Homestead, Pennsylvania, opposite McKeesport, where he was a farmer and distiller. Later he purchased the property on which his grandson, Benjamin H. Johnston, now resides, a tract of four hundred acres, formerly the property of a Mr. Powell, and subsequently purchased one hundred and forty acres adjoining, formerly the property of a Mr. McDonald, also one hundred and eighty-six acres in Plumb township, where he followed the same lines of work as heretofore, and resided at the time of his death on the Powell tract. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston were the parents of eight children, two of whom died in childhood, and the names of the others were as follows: William, Andrew, John, James, all of whom served in the state militia, Jane, Mary.

(II) John Johnston, father of Benjamin Harra Johnston, was born in Ireland, and his educational advantages were limited, being confined to attendance at night school for a period of three months, but despite this fact he was able to read and write, this being due to his own unaided efforts and his determination to gain knowledge. He accompanied his parents to this country, and throughout his active years devoted his attention to farming and stock raising, raising the general line of produce, conducting his operations on a farm consisting of one hundred and seventy-two acres. He was a Democrat in politics, and served in the offices of school director and county commissioner. He and his family attended the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Johnston married (first) Margaret Long, who bore him nine children, as follows: Boyd, James, John, William, George, Matthew, Rebecca, Hannah, Sarah. James and Matthew Johnston served in the Mexican War. Mr. Johnston married (second) Ann Parkison, born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Benjamin and —— (Rodgers) Parkison, the former named born in England but raised in Ireland, the latter named born in Scotland; they emigrated to the United States and

located where Monongahela City is now located, and there he was a distiller, having in operation five or six stills at the time of the Whiskey Rebellion, and he was also the owner of a grist mill. Mr. and Mrs. Parkison were the parents of seven children: Jane, Margaret, Alevia, Ann, William, James, Mortimer. Mr. Johnston had two children by his second marriage: Mortimer, Benjamin Harra, of whom further.

(III) Benjamin Harra Johnston was born on the farm on which he now resides in Wilkins township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, July 21, 1840. He attended the common schools of the neighborhood, and has always resided on the home farm, at first conducting general farming, operating one hundred and sixty acres, but of late years has devoted his atttention to gardening, this occupation being less laborious. He is progressive in his ideas, thorough in his work, and the neat appearance of his entire property bespeaks a master mind, careful attention being paid to every detail. He erected his present residence in 1884, this being comfortable and commodious, adequate to the needs of his family. Mr. Johnston is a member of the United Presbyterian church, in which faith he was reared, and is a Republican in politics. He has been the choice of his fellow townsmen on several occasions for public office, the duties of which he performed in a creditable manner.

Mr. Johnston married (first) February, 1863, Rebecca Duff, daughter of Alexander Duff, a pioneer of this section, and she bore him one child, Elmer; both mother and child died. He married (second) September 27, 1867, Elizabeth McCloskey, a sister of John McCloskey, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. She died January 13, 1909; she was a Catholic in religion, and reared her children in that faith. Their children are: William, Daisy, John, Jennie, Louisa, Elizabeth.

KINCAID

Kincaid is one of the oldest surnames in Scotland, and is from the Gaelic words "ceann" (head) and "chend" (hundred), head or chieftain of a hundred men. The spelling of this name varies greatly in the different branches and often in the same family. In the early records of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, it is found as Kincaid, Kincade, Kinkead and Kinkaid. The family is of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and in Pennsylvania first settled in Middleton township, where John Kinkead is named in a list of settlers under date of 1751. In 1768 John Kincaid, George Kinkaid and James Kinkaid are named as residents of the same township. In 1797 John Kincade was still living there. These were all members of the same family, the spelling, no doubt, being determined by the ability of the clerk making the entry. Many Kincaids served in the Revolutionary War, principally from Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. The John Kincaid mentioned in the list of 1751 was the father of John (2), who later settled in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where John (3) Kincaid was born in 1791. John (1) was the original Kincaid settler of the family in Cumberland county, and there is no record found of any of the name in Pennsylvania at an earlier period. Whether John (1) or John (2)

Kincaid was the Revolutionary ancestor is hard to determine; both were of age, capable of service, and two Johns are named in Pennsylvania archives as serving with Cumberland county militia—one as John Kincaid, the other as John Kincade, therefore, both may have served. In the list of slave holders filed at Carlisle in 1768, John Kinkead is given as the owner of one slave.

(II) John (2) Kincaid was evidently still a young man when he moved to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, as the census of 1790 gives him as then living in Salem township, having one son and five daughters at home, all under sixteen years of age; at least one son, John (3), was born after that date, perhaps others. The name of his wife is not known. The date of settlement in Erie county is given as the year 1800, when "William Carson and John Kincaide, with his five sons, some of whom were grown," settled in Wayne township. The five sons referred to were the sons of William Carson, who was a brother-in-law of John Kincaid (3). Nothing further can be told of the family in Wayne township during this period, the burning of the court house, March 23, 1823, destroying the records of the county up to that time.

(III) John (3) Kincaid, son of John (2) Kincaid, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1791, died in Wayne township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1874. He was a lad of nine years when settlement was made in Erie county, and there he grew to manhood, aiding in the clearing and cultivation of the tract upon which his father settled. During the war of 1812-14 he served with the militia at Erie, Pennsylvania, ranking as sergeant, although then barely past his minority. He was stationed at Erie at the time of Perry's victory over the English on Lake Erie. He was a landowner and farmer. He married, February 28, 1816, Elizabeth Smith, born in Wayne township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, March 29, 1799, died September 30, 1879, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Dickey) Smith (see forward). Children of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Kincaid: 1. Jane, married Jesse Lyons. 2. William, of whom further. 3. Margaret, married (first) Dr. Ziba Colgrove, of Columbus, Pennsylvania, and (second) Lyman Thomas. 4. John G., born on the home farm in Wayne township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, February 4, 1835; became well known in church, township and county affairs; he married, January 15, 1861, Mary Ann Dunn. 5. Samuel E., born in Wayne township, July 16, 1837; he was engaged with his brothers in cheese manufacture; was a very large land owner and held several township offices; a member of the state legislature, 1876-77, and 1878-79, as a Republican; he married (first) Ursula Anna Yager, (second) Dora Wilkinson. 6. Henry.

Samuel Smith, father of Elizabeth (Smith) Kincaid, was born in Ireland, June 16, 1774, died September 4, 1859. He resided in Ireland until after his marriage, then he and his wife came to this country, landing at Philadelphia in 1796. After a residence there until the spring of 1797, they migrated to Western Pennsylvania, making the journey on horseback. They settled in Erie county, where Samuel Smith purchased four hundred acres

at Beaver Dam. These he cleared and cultivated, enduring all the hardships and privations inseparable from the life of a pioneer of that day and locality. He prospered, however, and became a man of prominence. He was a captain in the War of 1812, and for many years was postmaster at Beaver Dam. He was a Democrat in political faith until after slavery became an issue; then after the formation of the Republican party, joined with that organization, but did not live to see his party come into power. He was reared in the Presbyterian church in Ireland, and ever afterward was affiliated with that denomination. He married, in Ireland, Jane Dickey, born June 12, 1777, died November 17, 1862. Eleven of their children grew to mature years, all being members of the Presbyterian church. Children: John; Elizabeth, married John Kincaid; William; Esther; Jane; Mary; Lavina; Samuel; Nancy; Sallie; Sophia; and James D., the latter born September 29, 1817.

(IV) William Kincaid, son of John (3) and Elizabeth (Smith) Kincaid, was born in Wayne township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1821, died August 28, 1908. He owned two hundred acres of land, was interested in cheese manufacture with his brothers, and continued a tiller of the soil all his active years. He was, in his early life, a member of the Congregational church at Beaver Dam. When this society disorganized he became a member of the United Brethren church, where he remained a member until his death. He lived a life of honest, manly endeavor, serving the church at Beaver Dam with a pious zeal. He was a Whig for many years, but when the question of slavery in the territories became an issue, he joined with the Free Soilers, and later with the Republican party. When the question of suppression of the liquor traffic became an issue, he joined heartily with the Prohibition party, and ever after acted with that party. When a young man he was a member and trained with the home guards of Wattsburg, Erie county. He married, October 3, 1840, Jane Elizabeth Smith, born May 1, 1823, died May 9, 1906, daughter of John and Elizabeth Smith, of Phillipsville, Erie county; her father was a pioneer, and a soldier at Erie, Pennsylvania, serving there at the time Perry fought his victorious battle on Lake Erie. Children of William Kincaid: Rev. John Smith, of whom further; Ida Elizabeth, born March 1, 1863, married Frank E. Alverson.

(V) Rev. John Smith Kincaid, only son of William and Jane Elizabeth (Smith) Kincaid, was born at the home place in Wayne township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, July 17, 1846, died at Corry, Pennsylvania, January 22, 1897. He was early educated in the public schools of the township, and spent the years until 1879 engaged in farming. He had long felt the call to preach the Gospel and had neglected no opportunity to prepare himself for that holy calling. In 1889 he was ordained a minister of the United Brethren church, and became a member of the Erie Conference. From that time until his death he was actively engaged in ministerial work, serving different churches as pastor, serving well the Master whose cause he loved. Not alone did he wage a peaceful warfare, but during the Civil War he enlisted as a private in Company L, Twelth Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry, went

to the front and served under General Sheridan. He was engaged at the battles of Winchester, Cedar Creek and Front Royal, during the Shenandoah Valley campaigns. He was a Republican in politics, held several town offices in early life, and was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Salamanca, New York. He married, January 31, 1866, Margaretta Onelia Tuttle, born March 25, 1849, who survives him; child, William Wallace, of whom further. Mrs. Kincaid married (second) Jacob Boyle, of Marietta, Ohio, and resides in Meadville, Pennsylvania. She is a daughter of Thomas Fancher Tuttle, born September 16, 1813, and his wife, Lucinda (McIntyre) Tuttle, born December 8, 1818. Their children: 1. Maria M., born May 6, 1838; married, September 2, 1859, Charles Steadman. 2. David W., born December 12, 1839, died December 9, 1910; married Melissa Patchen. 3. Lucy A., born March 28, 1841; married (first) September 2, 1859, Bertrand Perkins, and (second) James Rolland; died August 30, 1913. 4. Helen M., born September 30, 1843; married, September 10, 1874, James K. Chesney. 5. Charles W., born December 12, 1845, died January 19, 1846. 6. Olive L., born April 19, 1847; married, January 31, 1866, John Nylen. 7. Margaretta O., born March 25, 1849; married, January 31, 1866, Rev. John Smith Kincaid, of previous mention. 8. Isora A., born April 2, 1851; married, October 30, 1869, Thomas V. Walter. 9. Almira, born May 30, 1854, died August 11, 1856. 10. Darwin T., born July 9, 1858, died June 2, 1862. 11. Inez Elizabeth, born August 9, 1863; married S. E. Dawson, 1888; died May 7, 1901.

(VI) William Wallace Kincaid, only child of Rev. John Smith and Margaretta O. (Tuttle) Kincaid, was born in Wayne township, Erie county, Pennsylvania, April 26, 1868. He attended the public school of the town, and later entered the high school at Corry, Pennsylvania, whence he was graduated in the class of 1887. In the fall of 1887 he began teaching school in Wayne township, continuing until the close of schools in 1888. He then became a subscription book canvasser, and until 1896 he was engaged as general agent and publisher, locating in 1889 in Philadelphia. In 1897 he located in Meadville, Pennsylvania, as manager for the Keystone View Company, retiring from his position as sales manager with that firm in January, 1904. In that year he associated with Marcus Merritt Beeman and Jesse Homan Pardee in the formation of a firm for the manufacture of the Spirella corset stay and Spirella corsets, the invention of Mr. Beeman. They organized first March 16, 1904, as a copartnership, but a year later incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania as The Spirella Company, with W. W. Kincaid, president; M. M. Beeman, vice-president and secretary; and J. H. Pardee, treasurer. On November 29, 1912, they incorporated under the laws of the state of New York as The Spirella Company, Incorporated, with the same officers. The business has grown to great proportions; six factories are engaged in the manufacture, the main plant at Meadville with branch factories and sales offices established early in 1914 at Niagara Falls, New York, and Lincoln, Nebraska; The Spirella Company of Canada, Limited, with plant at Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, of which Mr. Kincaid is president; The

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Spirella Company of Great Britain, Limited, with plant at Letchworth (Garden City), England, of which he is a director, and which was promoted in 1909 and 1910 by Messrs. Kincaid and Beeman and The Spirella Gesellschaft für Deutschland m. b. H., organized in 1913, located at Düsseldorf, of which he is a director, Mr. Kincaid spending the summer of 1913 in Germany for the purpose of organizing it. At the breaking out of the war in Europe in August, 1914, the Düsseldorf factory was partly dismantled and offered to the German government as a hospital.

There never has been, in the history of manufacturing in this country, so instant a success as The Spirella Company has scored in its eleven years of existence; an army of about twelve thousand factory and office employes and corsetieres are exclusively engaged in making, recording and selling, about ten thousand of these being women engaged as corsetieres in the United States, Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, Germany, South Africa, Australia, Mexico and Cuba. Patents have been taken out and trade marks registered in the United States, Canada, the continental countries of Europe, in Turkey, Egypt, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico and South American countries, the inevitable result being, and that not far distant, when business will be done on a large scale in these countries. With perfectly equipped plants, a wise management and an organized sales force, nothing is impossible to these three mature, ripened business men between whom exists a mutual friendship and confidence that means more than the words imply.

A feature of The Spirella Company, that is most pleasing to contemplate, and a feature all too rare among factory owners, is the social and educational work conducted at the various plants. The Spirella Association has been formed, to which every one of the more than two thousand employes of the different plants, from president to office boy, belongs. To this each contributes the sum of ten to twenty-five cents quarterly, the entire excess of expenses over this sum being borne by the company. This association has a constitution and by-laws, with a policy which sets forth the worthy ideals and objects of its being. The company furnishes its factories with large dining rooms and kitchens where meals are served at actual cost. They also furnish a splendid hall for weekly meetings, with rooms for a gymnasium, a library and different classes and societies. Its educational course embraces classes in vocal and instrumental music, china painting, fancy work of various kinds, an orchestra of a number of pieces and a choral class of more than a hundred voices, a class on the violin, a mandolin class, and classes in the French and German languages, domestic science, millinery and sewing. In athletics, it has physical training and bowling classes for both men and women and a gun club for its men. It also has a large baseball park and several tennis courts. All these various organizations are furnished with competent instructors paid for by the company. At each of the Spirella plants a staff of young ladies trained in social and educational work are regularly employed by the different companies to devote their entire time to looking after the interests of the members. This

corps embraces a social secretary, a physical director, librarians and nurses. There is also a hospital equipped in the different institutions with regular trained nurses who look after those who may become temporarily ill or meet with accidents. They also counsel the girls and all employes on points of hygiene and health, visit any that may be sick at their homes, and see that they have perfect attention. The choral class and orchestra have given a number of entertainments in the Academy of Music in Meadville, filling it to its utmost capacity, and on two occasions have gone out of town, once to Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania, and once to Niagara Falls, New York, one hundred strong, to give concerts. The annual outing every year since 1907 is also a feature of the Association work, the last one of the Meadville plant being on June 7, 1914, at Oakwood Park, where about one thousand of the company's and visiting corsetieres sat down at one banquet. Two of the annual outings which were participated in by both the American and Canadian companies have been held at Niagara Falls, with an attendance of several hundred from the Meadville plant who went by special train.

The British Spirella Company completed and moved into its magnificent new building at Letchworth (Garden City), England, in July, 1913. The whole top story of this building is given over to the social activities of the employes and embraces an auditorium seating 1000 people, a kitchen and dining room, a library, a roof garden and baths. All employes are allowed thirty minutes a week of the company's time to take baths. The business of the British Company has been organized and built up to its present splendid proportions under the very able management of Joseph Howard Moore who has been for many years a friend of Mr. Kincaid. Mr. Moore also started the business of the Canadian Company.

As a result of this organization and beneficent work done by the Spirella Association a general spirit of good fellowship pervades the entire institution, and The Spirella Companies have the most contented and intelligent bodies of employes to be found anywhere.

Vast as are his responsibilities, and faithfully as they are performed, Mr. Kincaid is in full sympathy with all progressive movements in public affairs and shows the same interest for the "public good" that he manifests in the promotion of the welfare of his own employes. From 1906 he has served on the school board of Meadville, giving freely of his time and ripened judgment to the raising of a higher standard of education. He has always been a Republican, but embraced the progressive movement of 1912 with all the ardor of his nature, as promising relief from conditions he felt were not for the "public good." He was a delegate to the Republican state convention of 1912 and there was elected delegate-at-large to the Republican National convention of that year held in Chicago. He fought with the Pennsylvania delegation for the seating of the progressive delegates from contested districts, and was one of the sixty-four Roosevelt delegates who answered "present and not voting" when the roll was called for the nomination for president. Later he was a delegate and present at the National Progressive Convention, held in Chicago, August 6, 1912, that

nominated Theodore Roosevelt for president. Later he was appointed upon the committee of five men from Pennsylvania to interview and consult with Colonel Roosevelt regarding the settlement of the controversy relating to electors on the Republican and Washington party tickets in Pennsylvania. He was chairman of, and called to order, the first county convention of the Washington party, held in Crawford county, September 14, 1912. He was a tower of strength to his party in the campaign that followed; was an important factor in carrying Pennsylvania for the Progressive cause and is still firm in his support of that movement.

From June, 1887, to June, 1890, Mr. Kincaid was a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard, Company A, Sixteenth Regiment. From 1907 until 1910 he was president of the Meadville Chamber of Commerce; is a member of the Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, also delegate and national councilor to the United States Chamber of Commerce, held in Washington, D. C., January 23, 1913, and again at the annual meeting of that body at Washington in February, 1914. He was elected a member of the board of the Meadville Commercial College, 1913, and was also elected for a number years to the board of trustees of the East Greenwich Academy located at East Greenwich, Rhode Island. While sojourning in England, during the summer of 1913, he was appointed by President Wheeler, of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, in company with Randolph Coolidge, of Boston, as a member to represent that organization upon the International Cheque Committee which met in London in May of that year. At the last meeting, he was named as one of the ten delegates to represent the United States Chamber of Commerce at the meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce held at Paris in June, 1914. He was present at this meeting at which the report of the International Check Committee among other reports was unanimously adopted. Mr. Kincaid is a member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris and of the London Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Round Table of Meadville and a member of Volunteer Camp No. 57, Sons of Veterans, of Pennsylvania. In religious faith he is a Unitarian, belonging to the Independent Congregational Church of Meadville, Pennsylvania, being a member of its board of trustees, and president of the Unitarian Men's Club, year 1914.

Mr. Kincaid married, May 28, 1894, at Rapids, Niagara county, New York, Clara E. Greenley, from Albany, New York, formerly of Adams, Jefferson county, New York, daughter of Albert Manferd and Mary E. (Hunt) Greenley, of whom further. Child: Nina G., married, August 24, 1908, Larue Free Smith, superintendent of schools at Shawano, Wisconsin, and has one child, Larue Free Smith Jr., born November 25, 1911.

Albert Manferd Greenley was born in Rodman, Jefferson county, New York, September 10, 1831, died December 10, 1892. He was the second son of Solomon Kellogg and Verona (Buell) Greenley. Solomon Kellogg Greenley was a farmer of Rodman, New York, where his entire life was passed. His wife, Verona (Buell) Greenley, who was a descendant of the Buell family of Colonial days, also of Revolutionary and Civil War fame,

bore him the following children: Orsums, Albert Manferd, Orin, Hiram Buell, Mrs. Celestine Brown, Mrs. Zephiar Miles, Mrs. Amanda Perkins, Mrs. Orcelia Perkins.

Albert Manferd Greenley was educated in the public schools, grew to manhood at the home farm, and devoted his life to agricultural pursuits, varied by stock raising and dealing. He was a Republican in politics, and was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married, February 4, 1858, in Adams, Jefferson county, New York, Mary Elizabeth Hunt, born in Rome, Oneida county, New York, August 27, 1840, daughter of Rev. Isaac Lord Hunt, a minister and presiding elder of the Methodist Episcopal church. The Hunts are connected with the Calkins family of Massachusetts. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hunt-Greenley is related through her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Betsey Adams Salisbury Smith, wife of David Smith, with the families of Presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams, and through her paternal grandmother to the Caulkins family of Massachusetts. Other children of Rev. Isaac Lord Hunt by his second marriage: Hon. Isaac Lord Hunt, and Mrs. Harriet Hunt Reynolds.

Hardly yet in the prime of life, Mr. Kincaid has already achieved a success which would amply repay the average man at the close of his career. But he is not the average man and looks forward to many years of still greater activity and usefulness, not for gain or fame's sake, but for the good he may accomplish. His ideals are lofty, and when reached greater benefits will accure to his fellowmen and the world will have been better for his having lived in it.

EICHER

Henry Peter Eicher, a native of Germany, came to this country in 1832, and located on the Muskingum river for a time. Later he removed to Brush creek, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and then to Pittsburgh, where he followed his trade of tailoring. From there he removed to Manchester, where he continued in the tailor trade and then purchased a farm in Ohio township, Allegheny county, on which he resided until his death in 1869. He married Philippine Wooster, also born in Germany, and they had children: Jacob, Mary, two died in infancy, Cyrus, Philippina, William, Julius, of further mention; Philippine, Anna.

Julius Eicher was born in Ohio township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1845. His education which, however, was a very limited one, was acquired in the public schools of his native township, but he is now a well-read and well-informed man, as he has made the best use of his keen power of observation and of any opportunity that came his way. At the early age of eight years he commenced the active business of life. His daily work was the milking of two cows, in addition to a variety of other duties. After the death of his father he removed to Pittsburgh and there, in association with a brother-in-law, engaged in business as a wagon builder, and was identified with this line of industry for a period of three years. Six months were then given to the conduct of a hotel, and he is now

engaged in the general produce business. His religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian church, and he is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the German Beneficial Union. Mr. Eicher married, in 1870, Louise Caroline Cook, and they had children: John Henry, Clara Ann, Viola May, Nelsena Louisa.

EGLER

The Egler family, now ably represented in Sewickley, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, is an old and highly respected one, their record being that of well-spent lives, characterized by honesty, integrity and faithfulness in every duty devolving upon them.

(I) William Egler, who was born in Germany, came to America with his parents, and they located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was a tailor by trade, and during the Civil War filled many contracts for furnishing uniforms to the army. His death occurred in Pittsburgh.

(II) Wendel Egler, son of William Egler, was born in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and received his education there. When he had attained man's estate he engaged in the contracting business, with which he was successfully identified for many years, and is now living retired in the city of his birth. He and his family are members of the Catholic church. He married Mary E. Hegner, also born in Pittsburgh, and has had six children.

(III) Leopold J. Egler, son of Wendel and Mary E. (Hegner) Egler, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1887. He attended the public schools of Sewickley until about sixteen years of age, and was then apprenticed to learn the butcher's trade with E. B. Gray. He continued with Mr. Gray until 1906, in which year he purchased the interests of the place, and has since conducted it successfully alone. He is a devout member of the Catholic church, and of the following named fraternal orders: Improved Order of Heptasophs, Royal Arcanum and the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Egler married, in 1907, Margaret Anna Burk, of West Virginia, and they have children: Eleanor and Beatrice.

DILLON

Frank Burdett Dillon, of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania, editor and publisher of the *Coraopolis Chronicle,* belongs, on his father's side, to a family undoubtedly, as its name seems to prove, of English or Irish origin, while his immediate maternal ancestors were natives of England.

Rev. Josiah Dillon, father of Frank Burdett Dillon, was born October 7, 1822, at Captina Creek, Ohio, and was educated for the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church. He was for a number of years a member of the Pittsburgh Conference and ministered for a time to a church at Coraopolis. After the death of his first wife he temporarily abandoned his labors, accepting a situation as bookkeeper in Wheeling. About the time of his second marriage he re-entered the ministry, allying himself with the Pittsburgh and Eastern Ohio Conference. When the two branches separated he adhered to the Pittsburgh Conference, maintaining the connection to the

close of his life. While devoted to his ministerial duties Mr. Dillon found time for the employment of his pen, and was for a time editor of the *Fairmont West Virginia*. He was also, at one period, associate editor of the *Pittsburgh Advance* and a contributer to the *Advocate*. For some years he was editor and proprietor of the *Coraopolis Chronicle*.

Mr. Dillon married (first) Sarah Watson, whose family record is appended to this sketch, and three children were born to them: Frank Burdett, mentioned below; James, died in infancy; and William B., died December 29, 1887, in Troy Hill, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Dillon died May 1, 1859, and Mr. Dillon married (second) Mrs. Louisa Virginia (Laidley) Burns, becoming by this union the father of the following children: Robert, a druggist of Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania; Irene, resides on the old homestead; Henry Harmon, of Bellaire, Ohio, an engineer; Sarah, died in infancy. On November 3, 1909, Mr. Dillon passed away, "full of years and of honors." He maintained to the last his physical and mental vigor, and until two years before his death continued his labors as a preacher.

Frank Burdett Dillon, son of Rev. Josiah and Sarah (Watson) Dillon, was born December 19, 1852, at Beaver, Pennsylvania, and received his education in public schools. He learned the printer's trade, and for a time was employed by his father in Fairmont, West Virginia, later working in Sewickley and finally in Coraopolis, where he has since continuously resided. In 1897 Mr. Dillon purchased the *Coraopolis Suburban,* changing the name to the *Coraopolis Chronicle*. He is still editor and publisher, having succeeded his father, whose journalistic ability he inherited. The *Coraopolis Chronicle* now occupies a foremost position in the newspaper world of Western Pennsylvania.

As a citizen Mr. Dillon is actively public-spirited, and in politics is allied with the Republican party, and served fifteen years in the office of school director. He belongs to the Knights of Malta. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Dillon married, January 10, 1882, Mary Catharine Wilson, born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Robert and Isabella (Garaway) Wilson, and the following children have been born to them: Ralph H., a printer, associated with his father; Isabella; Robert and Samuel, twins, died at the age of two months; Lotta. Mrs. Dillon is a member of the United Presbyterian Church.

Mark Watson, father of Mrs. Sarah (Watson) Dillon, was born in England, and about 1830 emigrated to the United States, settling near Allentown, Pennsylvania, where he worked as a surveyor or civil engineer, also owning a small brickyard. He removed, after a short time, to Ripley, Ohio, subsequently returning to Pennsylvania and settling at Coraopolis, where he owned about one hundred and fifty acres which are now situated in the centre of the town. This land he cultivated as a farm, building a house which is now situated at 1024 State avenue. It was his home during the remainder of his life. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Watson married, in England, Ellen ——, a native of that country, and they were the parents of the following children: Tho-

mas Fawcett and John Bros, farmers, operators of a saw-mill and builders of boats which ran on the Ohio river, both died at Coraopolis; Margaret, drowned at the age of fourteen, at Allentown, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, married William Hanna, and died at Salem, Ohio; Sarah, born March 22, 1822, in England, married Rev. Josiah Dillon, as stated above. Mr. Watson was highly respected as a man of unblemished character. Mrs. Watson, after the loss of her husband, resided during the remainder of her life on the homestead.

DIPPOLD

The pioneer of the Dippolds of Germany in the United States was John, who in 1840 settled near Economy, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, accompanied by his wife and family. Besides dealing extensively in coal and coal lands he was a contractor, having learned in his young manhood the trade of stone mason. He was awarded many contracts for the construction of bridges and culverts on the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad between Pittsburgh and New Brighton, and was also engaged in work on the "Pan Handle." His entire life was spent in that neighborhood, his death occurring at Baden, Pennsylvania. He was a Democratic sympathizer, and in religion worshipped according to the tenets of the Lutheran church. His wife, Anna, was a native of Germany, and they were the parents of five sons and three daughters, of which children four sons survive.

Frederick G. Dippold, son of John and Anna Dippold, was born in Germany in 1840, and was but six months old when his parents emigrated to the United States. He was educated in the schools of Scottsville and Shousetown, later in life being attracted by river life and becoming a pilot, soon after receiving a captain's license. During all of the years he passed on the inland waterways the vessel of which he was in command made but two trips without him, and on those occasions he was confined to his home through illness. He was for a time engaged in the coal business, and about 1867 purchased the property on the bank of the Ohio in Sewickley, where he has resided for the past forty years. It has been his pleasure to secure boulders from all sections of the United States to ornament his yard, a feature that lends a peculiar and distinctive attractiveness to his riverside property. Independent in politics he yet is a believer in Democratic policy, and was for one term a member of council, one of the few of his party to be elected to that body. He holds the Knights Templar degree in the Masonic Order, and with his wife holds membership in the Presbyterian church, his daughters belonging to the Episcopal church.

Mr. Dippold married, in April, 1861, Abbie C. Logan, of Baden, Pennsylvania. They are the parents of John M., Louise Woodbridge, Mary McDonald, William R., deceased, and Abbie C., deceased.

DER

Only three generations of the Der family have lived in this country, yet they have already amply shown their worth as citizens, ready to discharge their duties in every particular.

(I) John Der, born near Wittenberg, Germany, came to the United States in his youth and settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. After his marriage he rented farms in what is now Carrick borough, later removing to Knowlton township, where he died on his farm, March 5, 1874. He was a Republican in his political views. He married Rose ——, born in Wittenberg, Germany, and they became the parents of ten children, of whom the following named attained maturity: Peter, in the employ of a lumber company, lives at Castle Shannon, Pennsylvania; William, of further mention; Elizabeth, married John Shulte, and lives at Bridgeville; John, who was a stationary engineer, died in Bridgeville.

(II) William Der, son of John and Rose Der, was born in what is now Carrick borough, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, January 25, 1865. His early life was spent on the home farm, and he received his education in the public schools in the vicinity of his home. He then established himself independently as a farmer, and continued this occupation until he had attained his majority. He then entered the employ of the Pittsburgh Coal Company, holding the position of machine boss for a number of years. He then, for a period of eleven years, conducted the Bridgeville Hotel at Bridgeville, and next formed a connection with the C. P. Mayer Brick Company, which was in force from 1902 to 1913. During the last seven years of this period he was superintendent of this plant, having about sixty men under his control. He was a director of this company, and also of the Bridgeville Land Company, and has served as a director of the Bridgeville Trust Company. Public affairs have always engaged a considerable share of his attention, and he was elected a member of the common council, serving two terms, after which he was appointed for one term, and in 1913 again elected. He has had a fine house erected on Washington avenue, Bridgeville, in which he is residing at the present time. Mr. Der married, in 1901, Margaret, born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of John and Mary Chfeler, and they have had children: Hilda, Alice, Olive, Robert, John, Mary.

DENNIS

This is apparently a name of Irish origin, and the family under discussion here has been in America for a number of generations. That they have ever been ready and foremost in offering their lives and their property in behalf of the rights of their country is shown by the following record of their achievements.

(I) Samuel J. Dennis was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1819, and died June 9, 1873. He was a shoemaker by trade and followed this calling until the outbreak of the Civil War. September 29, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, Fifth Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry, and served until the close of the war, being discharged May 19, 1865. He then returned to his home and followed his trade until his death. He was a Democrat politically, and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Pythias. He married, March 16, 1840, Mary Gibbons, born in New Jersey, the last years of whose life were spent with her son, George W., in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. They had children:

George W., born December 3, 1840, died April 12, 1842; George W., of further mention; Charles, born September 4, 1845, enlisted in Battery B, Third Pennsylvania Artillery, January 24, 1862, served on the gunboats "Smith Briggs" and "Jessup," and was killed at the battle of Smithfield, Virginia, February 1, 1864; Mary E., born September 18, 1849, married, November 14, 1867, Peter Lavell, born August 22, 1842, and had one son: Harry, born September 4, 1869, now deceased; Frank, born April 20, 1853, was a coach painter, and died in young manhood in Philadelphia.

(II) George W. Dennis, son of Samuel J. and Mary (Gibbons) Dennis, was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 7, 1843. He acquired his education in the public schools of his native city, and was engaged in learning the shipsmith's trade at the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted at Philadelphia in Company I, Eighty-second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, September 20, 1861, to serve three years or until the close of the war. He was discharged December 20, 1863, by reason of reenlistment on the same day as a veteran in the same company, and the same regiment. He served in the Army of the Potomac, and was an active participant in the following engagements: The siege of Yorktown, Fair Oaks, White Oak Swamp, Malvern Hill, Antietam, Williamsport, Fredericksburg, Franklin Crossing, Marye Heights, Salem Heights, Gettysburg, Funkstown, Rappahannock Station, Mine Run campaign, and was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, in the fall of 1864, on account of illness.

At the close of the war he was engaged in farming for about two years in Philadelphia and Bucks counties, then worked for a time in Philadelphia in the Addison Tube Works. He went to Boston, Massachusetts, for the National Tube Works, remaining from 1869 to 1872, and in the latter year went for the same company to McKeesport, where he remained in their employ until 1908, when he retired on a pension. During the last thirty years of this long period of time he was foreman of the warehouse. In 1892 he built a fine house for himself, in which he is still residing. Republican in his political opinions, he cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and of the following organizations: Titus Lodge, No. 207, Knights of Pythias; Union Veteran Legion; Tube City Lodge, No. 571, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a charter member and past grand; Colonel Samuel Black Post, No. 59, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he is past commander.

Mr. Dennis married (first) March 9, 1870, at Boston, Massachusetts, Maria D. Husher, born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, who died in 1873. He married (second) May 3, 1876, Elizabeth, born in Pittsburgh, a daughter of Michael and Jennie Ryan. Mrs. Dennis died March 17, 1902. Children by first marriage: Charles, killed on the railroad at the age of sixteen years; Mary Elizabeth, died at the age of nine months. Children by second marriage: Jennie, born July 4, 1877, married O. A. Fraley; Emma, twin of Jennie, lives with her father, as does also Mrs. Fraley.

DE BOLT

Numerous in Delaware and first appearing in Pennsylvania in Fayette county, the De Bolt family, of French origin, is represented in Homestead, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, by George S. T. De Bolt. His grandfather took up land in Fayette county, and died there, in Masontown. He was the father of a family of thirteen children, nine of whom follow: 1. George, a blacksmith, died in the west. 2. Jerry, died young. 3. William, a blacksmith, died in Clarksville, Iowa. 4. Samuel, died young in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. 5. Maria, married Alexander Mestrezat, and died in Mapletown, Pennsylvania. 6. Margaret, married a Mr. Birch, and died at Carmichaels, Pennsylvania. 7. Nancy, married a Mr. Barr, and died in the west. 8. Eliza, married a Mr. Notts, and died in Ohio. 9. Teegarden S., of whom further. Four others died young in Fayette county.

(II) Teegarden S. De Bolt was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, died in Mapletown, Pennsylvania, about 1885. He was reared in the county of his birth, and after his marriage settled in Mapletown, Pennsylvania, where he was a farmer and distiller all of his life. He married Catherine Tanner, born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, died in 1867, whose parents, lifelong residents of Mapletown, Greene county, Pennsylvania, had children: 1. Catherine, of previous mention, married Teegarden S. De Bolt. 2. Isaac, a farmer, died in Mapletown, Pennsylvania. 3. William, died near Mapletown, Pennsylvania. Children of Teegarden S. and Catherine (Tanner) De Bolt: 1. Elizabeth, died unmarried. 2. Mary, married Spencer H. Dusenberry, and died in Brownsville, Pennsylvania. 3. Nancy, died unmarried. 4. Alice, died unmarried. 5. George S. T., of whom further. 6. Hattie, unmarried. 7. William, died in infancy. 8. Sarah, died in infancy.

(III) George S. T. De Bolt, son of Teegarden S. and Catherine (Tanner) De Bolt, was born in Monongahela township, Greene county, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1863. He was educated in the public schools. Until he was twenty-eight years of age he made his home on the farm, and after his marriage moved to Homestead, Pennsylvania, there establishing in real estate dealing, a line that still occupies a part of his time. Soon afterward he became a feed dealer, selling hay, grain, feed, and the like, which is a prominent feature of his present business connections. About 1898 he added to his other activities, draying, heavy transfer work, and storage, erecting buildings on Eighth avenue, which were subsequently destroyed by fire. He then housed his business in a spacious three-story brick structure, later making substantial additions to the original building, so that his store and warehouse extends from Sixth to Seventh avenues, being three stories in height at one extremity and five stories at the other. The storage accommodations that he offers for household goods are unexcelled in the place, and all departments of Mr. De Bolt's business are generously patronized. Outside of the place of business described above, he is the owner of considerable real estate in Duquesne, having built several houses on land to which he holds title, an investment always a profitable one in that place.

Mr. De Bolt is a supporter of Republican principles, and holds membership in the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee.

Mr. De Bolt married, October 14, 1891, Sarah J., daughter of George and Sarah (Renn) Pollin, her parents natives of England, coming to the United States before their marriage, settling in Pittsburgh. George Pollin was for a time a miner, later entered the contracting field and performed a great deal of railroad work. He died at sea in 1892 at an advanced age, having desired to visit the land of his birth before his death, and was granted a sea burial; his wife died in Pittsburgh, buried in Chartiers Cemetery, at Carnegie, Pennsylvania. Children of George S. T. and Sarah J. (Pollin) De Bolt: 1. Minor T., a machinist, employed in a garage, lives in California. 2. George E., employed by his father. 3. Mary Ethel Renn, died aged twelve years. 4. Edna Catherine. 5. Jacob Pierpont Morgan.

DAVIS

There was one condition surrounding life in Western Pennsylvania when Basil Davis arrived in that locality from Wales, his homeland, that impresses the twentieth century mind with its primitive strangeness, although upon close scrutiny of the lives of the pioneers of that period it would be but one of many. This was the practice of annually journeying to Philadelphia with a team to lay in a stock of supplies not purchasable in that part of the state. An item neglected or an article forgotten had to hold over until the twelve months intervening had passed. To those accustomed to rounding a corner and there procuring every necessity of life this seems indeed semi-barbarism, but to the settlers of that time it was but one of the inconveniences to be combated until the institutions of civilization should catch up with those in the vanguard. The Welsh immigrant, Basil Davis, received a grant for four or five hundred acres of timber land in Economy township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and lived there until his death. He had several brothers in the American army during the second war with Great Britain, one of whom was killed in battle. He married and had children, one of them James H., of whom further.

(II) James H. Davis, son of Basil Davis, was born in Economy township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and there died. He attended the early schools of that locality, much of his learning being received in that best of educational institutions, home. His entire life was spent on the homestead acres, which he cultivated until his death, holding the office of township supervisor for one year. He married Mary Beam, born on Crows Run, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, her parents of German descent, their lives spent in that place. Children of James H. and Mary Davis: A daughter, died in childhood; Emilie, Aaron Morton, Louisa, Sarah, Susan, Samuel, William W., of whom further; Mary Savilla, James H., John F.

(III) William W. Davis, son of James H. and Mary (Beam) Davis, was born in Economy township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, December 11, 1846. As a youth he attended the public schools. Until he was eighteen years of age he lived on the home farm, assisting in its cultivation, then went to Sewickley, where he learned the carpenter's trade with a Mr. Rudi-

sill, later with William Boyd. Having mastered this trade under the careful instruction of these able teachers, he was thus employed until about 1882, in which year he established a contracting business in Allegheny. Through wise administration and an upright business policy, he prospered in this line, engaging therein with excellent success until November, 1913, since which time he has lived retired. For the past thirty-four years his home has been in Leetsdale, and he is there a member of the Presbyterian church. He married, in 1872, Mary N. Lindsay, of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and has children: Walter W., William G., C. E., J. A.

COX

This family, like a great proportion of the inhabitants of Pennsylvania, is of that sturdy and reliable English stock which has contributed so much to the prosperity of the state and the entire country at large.

(I) William Cox, who was born in Staffordshire, England, about 1835, emigrated to America about 1868, and settled at Fallbrook, Pennsylvania. He followed his calling as a shoemaker about three years, then came to McKeesport, where he followed his trade on Third avenue, and carried this on two years, and during this time Mrs. Cox opened a store on Market street and this she conducted for about seven years. She then opened a millinery store in Fifth avenue, property she had purchased, and operated a larger store for a quarter of a century, this being now in the possession of her son, Will J. Mr. Cox Sr. continued in business for some time longer, when he retired, and died in 1908. Mrs. Cox retired from business about 1904, and is now living at No. 131 Seventh avenue. She is a remarkable woman in many ways. Her success in business would be a credit to any man well equipped for an undertaking such as she founded, yet she was without all educational advantages, being unable to read or write, until a short time prior to her retirement, when she became able to sign her name to checks, etc. Her executive ability, however, overcame all obstacles, and enabled her to make a brilliant record. Her maiden name was Mary A. Dunn; she was also born in Staffordshire, England, about 1835, and both were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had children: Thomas A., died December 24, 1902, unmarried, at the age of twenty-four years, and Will J.

(II) Will J. Cox, son of William and Mary A. (Dunn) Cox, was born at Fallbrook, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, September 22, 1869. He received a sound, practical education in the public schools of McKeesport, and received his business training in the store operated by his mother, of which he is now the sole proprietor. In recent years the concern has been incorporated, as the Will J. Cox Company, of which Mr. Cox is the president. They handle millinery, cloaks and suits, and it is the oldest millinery store in McKeesport. There are twenty-two people employed, and the business occupies three stories in the Fifth avenue building. Mr. Cox is independent in his political views, and he and his wife are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He married, in August, 1899, Minnie,

born in McKeesport, a daughter of Casper and Wilhelmina Mathis, and they have children: Mildred, William, Helen, Robert.

COPE

Now a prosperous merchant of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, Mr. Cope reviews his active life since boyhood with satisfaction that only comes to a man through knowledge of duty well performed and obligations fully complied with. Now past the allotted years of life, he has been a worker since boyhood and can rightfully claim a life well spent. He is a son of Thomas Cope, born in Manchester, England, in 1800, died in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1883. The first twenty-one years of his life were spent in his native land employed after leaving school in the Manchester mills. On arriving at legal age he left England and came to the United States, landing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, with very little cash. He did not like that city and started westward on foot, walking the entire distance to Dayton, Ohio. From that city he went by canal to Cincinnati, there making a permanent location, living in that part of the city known as Camp Washington. He first found employment with Mr. Longworth, great-grandfather of the present Congressman Nicholas Longworth, with whom he remained several years. He then married and purchased a small tract of land in the suburbs of Cincinnati and there conducted a profitable market garden until old age compelled him to retire from active labor. In connection with his produce gardening he had a stand in the Cincinnati public garden, where he disposed of everything he could raise. He was a man short in stature, heavily built, very industrious and bore a high reputation with his neighbors and customers. Both he and his wife were members of the Episcopal church.

He married Jane Lister, whose grandparents came from Yorkshire, England, to Zanesville, Ohio, later settling in Cincinnati. She had two brothers, William and Jacob, both of whom lived in Cincinnati. Children: 1. Thomas, of whom further. 2. Joseph, resides in Cincinnati, a blacksmith and horseshoer. 3. John, deceased. 4. William, killed at the battle of Seven Pines, a private in Benson's battery, Heavy Artillery United States Regular Army. 5. Obadiah, resides in Toledo, Ohio, a gold and silversmith. 6. Henry, a resident of Toledo, Ohio, a machinist. 7. Anna, married William Coleman, and resides in Cincinnati, Ohio. 8. Tava, married John Coleman, and resides in Cincinnati. 9. A daughter, died young.

Thomas (2) Cope, son of Thomas (1) and Jane Lister Cope, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, May 20, 1843. He attended the public schools until fifteen years of age, then as the oldest son he became his father's assistant in the market garden, spending three years in that way. At eighteen years of age he became a machinist's apprentice, spending four years in Holliber's machine shop in Cincinnati. He there entered the employ of the Cincinnati & Northern Railroad, finally becoming an engineer, running on that road, and living for a time in Springfield, Ohio. He then came to the Pittsburgh district and entered the employ of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, first as machinist in the East Pittsburgh

shops, later became connected with the air brake department, becoming manager. This important position he capably filled for twenty-three years, until 1903. In that year he resigned his position, feeling that the close confinement and responsibility was undermining his health and that outdoor life would be beneficial. He purchased a farm in Erie county, Pennsylvania, settled thereon and for two years lived a rural life. In 1905 he traded his farm for a hardware store in McKees Rocks, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, at No. 516 Chartiers avenue, where he yet remains in successful business. He is also the patentee of an oxygen lamp and interested in its manufacture. During his many years with the Westinghouse Company Mr. Cope resided in Edgewood, a suburb of Pittsburgh, where he served six years as councilman. During this period Herman Westinghouse, of the Westinghouse Company, was a fellow member of council. Mr. Cope is a Republican in politics, a member of the Christian church, and prominent in the Masonic Order, belonging to McKinley Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, Shiloh Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Knights Templar; Syria Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and is a thirty-second degree member of Pennsylvania Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

He married, in 1875, Harriet Ault, born at Ripley, Ohio, daughter of William and Lavinia Ault, both of Harper's Ferry, Virginia. When John Brown made his raid at Harper's Ferry he captured a brother of William Ault; the latter has since visited the scenes of his youth and among his treasures is a razor carried by John Brown during the raid. Later in life William Ault and his wife left Virginia and for many years he was a merchant of Ripley, Ohio. They had children: 1. Harriet, wife of Thomas Cope. 2. William, residing in St. Louis. 3. Mattie, married Edward Benter, and resides in Pittsburgh. Mr. Cope has no children.

COLTERYAHN

It has not been possible to gain much detailed information about the earlier generations of this family. It is known that they were simple, unaffected people, for the most part engaged in farming, large of stature, and of kind dispositions.

August Colteryahn was born in a small town near Berlin, Prussia, Germany, in 1823, died in 1903. He learned the trade of shoemaking, and was engaged in that while living in Germany. He also served in the German army, and he and his family were members of the Lutheran church. In 1864, with his eldest son, he emigrated to the United States, settling in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and the remainder of the family followed later. Having purchased a farm in Moon township, he lived on this for a period of twenty years. During the latter part of this period, he devoted the greater part of his time to dairy farming, in a small way. About 1886 he removed with his family to South Side, Pittsburgh, and engaged in the dairy business there, having his sons associated with him. He lived there until his death. Mr. Colteryahn married, in Germany, Bertha ———, born in 1835, died in 1867, whose parents were engaged in the butcher

business. Children, all born in Germany with the exception of the youngest two: Henry, died in Germany; Frederick, deceased, was a blacksmith for many years, and then worked in the dairy business in later life; Charles, deceased, engaged in the dairy business on the South Side; William, lives at No. 1912 Jane street, Pittsburgh, is in the dairy business; Louis, died young; August, of further mention; Augusta, married Theodore Lowe, retired, lives in West Liberty, Pennsylvania.

August (2) Colteryahn, son of August (1) and Bertha Colteryahn, was born in Moon township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, one mile from Coraopolis, October 13, 1866. He attended the public schools in the vicinity of his home, where he acquired a sound, practical education, and spent the first twenty years of his life on the farm. He removed with the other members of his family to Pittsburgh, and there worked in the dairy in association with his father and brothers. In 1890 he established himself in the retail milk business on the South Side, and in 1900 removed to Homestead, Pennsylvania, where he was in the dairy business. Seven years later he removed to Munhall, Pennsylvania, and there started a butter and egg store, to which he gradually added a line of groceries, until he now has a large and well-stocked store. In connection with this he has continued his dairy business. His store, which he erected and equipped in the most up-to-date manner, is located on Eighth avenue, Munhall. As a general thing he is Republican in his political views, but reserves to himself the right to vote for the man whom he considers best fitted for the office to be filled. He is connected with other business enterprises, and is a member of the board of directors of the Homestead Building and Loan Association. His religious affiliation is with the German Protestant Evangelical Church, and he is a member of Lodge No. 509, Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Colteryahn married, May 15, 1890, Emma, born in New York, a daughter of Benjamin and Wilhelmina Pfeifer, both now deceased. Children: Edward, works for a dairy supply company; Carl, a pupil in the high school; Matilda, Lillian, William, John, Nellie.

COLE

The first of this line of Coles, an English family, connected with the history of Western Pennsylvania, is John Cole, who resided in Pittsburgh, and was all his life connected with the navigation of the Ohio river. He married Elizabeth Gretrake, born in Wilmington, Delaware, a descendant of a French family, the present spelling of the name probably being an Anglicized version of the original orthography. Her father was Gillett Gretrake. John and Elizabeth Cole were the parents of nine children, one of them Samuel F., of whom further.

Samuel F. Cole, son of John and Elizabeth (Gretrake) Cole, was born in Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1849. He was educated in the public schools of his native city. His studies completed, he entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad, with which he was identified until his retirement in 1912. His first position was as clerk in

the office of the freight agent at Allegheny City, but a short experience in office work created in him a desire to go on the road, and he became a brakeman, afterward a conductor. Being offered the position of station master at Allegheny City, the place that had witnessed his initial appearance in railroad work, he accepted the place and held that position for thirty years, resigning only after an unfortunate accident that affected his spine. He has since lived retired at his home in Sewickley. His record in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad shows nothing but fidelity and devotion to duty, marked by a thorough, conscientious ability that made him a trusted and valuable employee. Mr. Cole married, in September, 1889, Amelia Ihmsen, of Pittsburgh. They are the parents of two daughters, Elizabeth and Marie, both living at home. Mr. Cole is a Republican in politics, and a devotee of Christian Science.

BROWN

The quest for the immigrant ancestor of this line of Browns takes the searcher back but three generations, when Philip Brown, of Ireland, settled in Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He was the owner of a tract of land vast in extent, a part of which he cleared, erecting thereon a dwelling, where he passed his remaining years. He married, one of his sons being Philip, of whom further.

(II) Philip (2) Brown, son of Philip (1) Brown, was born in Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1820, died on the homestead, and is buried in the Waxburg Cemetery. After attending the public schools he became a farmer on the home property, and continued in agricultural pursuits for the remainder of his life. He took a prominent part in the political activities of the locality, and was interested in all public affairs, accepting and competently discharging all responsibilities laid upon his shoulders. He was a communicant of the Roman Catholic church. He married Sarah Good, born in Ross township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1827, daughter of Balzier and Elizabeth (Cuvage) Good, her father a native of France, her mother of Irish descent. Balzier Good was a farmer, owning seventy-five acres of land in Perrysville, Pennsylvania, the Harmony Route trolley line now intersecting his property. Philip and Sarah Brown were the parents of ten children, eight sons and two daughters.

(III) Hugh A. Brown, son of Philip (2) and Sarah (Good) Brown, was born in Franklin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1860. After obtaining his education in the public schools of his native township he became a farmer, following that calling for several years. In 1902 Mr. Brown moved to Leetsdale, and for six years has been in the employ of the Rider Conley Company. In his former occupation he was in partnership with two brothers, the three operating the home farm of two hundred and fifty-seven acres, owning and operating a steam thresher, with which they did considerable work among their neighbors, and perform-

ing all of the teaming in connection with the oil field on their farm. A Democrat in political belief, Mr. Brown holds membership on the Board of Health and the Sanitation Commission. Mr. and Mrs. Brown made an extended trip through the West, spending the greater part of their time in California, Old Mexico and Texas.

He married, October 26, 1897, Theresa, daughter of Antone and Theresa (Lutz) Lanz, her father a native of Germany, her mother born in Glenfield, Pennsylvania. Antone Lanz came to the United States when he was twenty-eight years of age, accompanied by his parents, Martin and Helena (Geisel) Lanz, and located in Economy township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania. Prior to his immigration he had served for three years in the German army, in that service learning the habits of simplicity and frugality that stood him in excellent stead, and by the exercise of his native habits of industry and thrift he prospered, becoming the owner of considerable real estate. His wife was the daughter of Amon and Magdalena (Venger) Lutz, both natives of Alsace, Germany, who after coming to the United States settled on Pine creek, Pennsylvania, later moving to Glenfield, where he followed his trade, that of carpenter. Mr. Brown and his family are communicants of the Roman Catholic church.

BROWN

In the United States there are many families bearing this name, and from among them many men of prominence have arisen. The surname is of the class called "complexion names," and was probably assumed by its first bearer from the color of his complexion or hair.

(I) Hugh Brown was born in Scotland, and came to America early in the thirties of the nineteenth century. He located on Prince Edward Island, Canada, where he became an extensive land owner and farmer, and where his death occurred. At the time of his death he had cleared up his farm land and made it very profitable. Politically he was very conservative, and he was active in all measures which were projected for the benefit of the community in which he resided. He married Henrietta McArthur, also a native of Scotland, and they had a family of nine children of whom the following named are living at the present time: James C., of further mention; Bernard, Henrietta.

(II) James C. Brown, son of Hugh and Henrietta (McArthur) Brown, was born on Prince Edward Island, Canada, June 28, 1845. After his marriage he settled at Bayside, where he was engaged as a builder and contractor until about 1900, when he purchased a farm of one hundred and ten acres near Bayside, and engaged in general and dairy farming, and is living there at the present time. Although very conservative in his political opinions, he is active in local politics, and is at present president of the school board. He is also president of the Dairymen's Association. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church. Mr. Brown married

Margaret Ellen McDonald, born on Prince Edward Island, October 5, 1857, and they had children: William F., of further mention; Mary Helena, married J. D. McLellan; Dr. John B., a physician at Charlotte Town, Prince Edward Island; Anna, resides in Pittsburgh with her brother, William F.; Alphonse, living with his parents; H. Justin, associated in business with his brother, William F.; Peter Raymond, a student in St. Dunstan's College; Harriet Cecelia, a student in a convent in Nova Scotia.

Captain Hugh McDonald, father of Mrs. Margaret Ellen (McDonald) Brown, was born in Scotland, and came to Prince Edward Island at an early date. He was a sea captain for many years, owning his own vessel. Possession was taken of his ship by a mutinous crew while he was on shore at the Isle of Barbadoes, and he was compelled to stay there for a time. He contracted yellow fever, the attack terminating fatally, and he was buried on the Isle of Nassau. He married, at Prince Edward Island, Cecelia McIntyre, also born in Scotland, who had come to the island at the same time as he had, and whose mother lived to the advanced age of one hundred and four years. She married (second) James Gillis, is again a widow, and resides on Prince Edward Island at the age of eighty-four years. She had ten children by her two marriages, of whom there are now living: Daniel, Peter, Andrew, Margaret, Sarah, Lizzie.

(III) William F. Brown, son of James C. and Margaret Ellen (McDonald) Brown, was born on Prince Edward Island, Canada, May 31, 1881. He acquired a sound and practical education in the common schools, and was then engaged in the meat business at Bayside for a time. He then learned the carpenter's trade at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and at Berlin, New Hampshire, where he was also a millwright. From there he went to Beverly, Massachusetts, then to Port Antonio, Jamaica, a town he left just prior to the eruption of Mont Pelee. April 1, 1906, he came to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade for a period of two years, then engaged in general contract work alone, and in 1907 commenced his operations in Dormont, and has continued there since that time. The firm of Brown Brothers was organized in 1910, and is in operation at the present time. Mr. Brown has put up some two hundred houses, and employs an average of fifty men. In 1912, in association with his brother, H. Justin Brown, he organized the Dormont Plumbing Company, C. A. Hafer also being one of the firm. Another industry which is engaging the attention of Mr. Brown is the breeding of silver fox, an enterprise he started on Prince Edward Island, with two pairs. He is a member of the local Board of Trade, a Democrat, and a member of the Catholic church.

BOYD

First identified with Western Pennsylvania as residents of Beaver county, this line of Boyds was for a time connected with the state of Indiana, sending one of its members to the front in the Civil War as a member of a regiment recruited in that state.

(I) This record has its beginning with James Boyd, of Beaver county,

Pennsylvania, whose trade was that of stone mason, and who for many years held the office of justice of the peace, a man of considerable local reputation. He was twice married, the children of his first wife, a Miss Scott, being: George K., of whom further; a son, died in boyhood; Lavinia, died unmarried; Maria, died unmarried. Children of second marriage of James Boyd: Cynthia, died unmarried; Samantha, married Captain McLaughlin, and resides in St. Mary's, West Virginia; Frank, a resident of East Liverpool, Ohio.

(II) George K. Boyd, son of James Boyd by his first marriage, was born near Hookstown, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, about 1830, the exact date of his death unknown, probably 1865. He was reared in his Beaver county home and there married, later taking his wife and children to Indiana, settling near Oxford. When active warfare between the north and south began in 1861 he enlisted in an Indiana regiment of infantry. He survived the first three years of the war, but toward the end of the conflict met with a fatal mishap, in all likelihood falling before the fire of the enemy. His body was never recovered and his family was deprived of even the sorrowful privilege of visiting his grave and there according him the honors that his upright, manly life deserved. After the death of Mr. Boyd his wife was stricken with a serious illness, her sister-in-law, Cynthia Boyd, bringing her to Hookstown, where her death occurred not long after. Prior to her death she had secured good homes for her children and the assurance that they would be well and carefully provided for. George K. Boyd married, at Hookstown, Pennsylvania, Sarah Kerr, born in Ireland about 1832, died in Hookstown about April, 1866, daughter of Irish parents. She was reared in the Catholic faith, but after her emigration to the United States and her marriage embraced Protestantism, an act that estranged her entirely from her family. Children of George K. and Sarah (Kerr) Boyd: 1. James K., a resident of Knoxville, Pennsylvania. 2. Emma, married Owens Wilson; their home is in Hookstown, Pennsylvania. 3. Elizabeth, married Hugh Ross; lives in Cleveland, Ohio; her husband played a prominent part in the labor difficulties at Homestead, and was debarred from membership in the union of steel-workers, an occupation that he was compelled to forsake. 4. Harry C., of whom further. 5. Belle, deceased, married Samuel Calhoun.

(III) Harry C. Boyd, son of George K. and Sarah (Kerr) Boyd, was born at Oxford, Indiana, April 9, 1861. When he was five years of age he made his home with Henderson Kraus, of Frankfort township, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, who owned a farm of large acreage in that township, and there lived until 1884, obtaining a good general education and assisting his benefactor in the cultivation of his farm. In that year he moved to Pittsburgh and served a four years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade with Anderson Brothers, establishing in the contracting business in Coraopolis, which town was then preparing for the period of growth that has made it into the city of its present importance. Mr. Boyd continued in contracting with excellent success until 1909, at which time

he had erected about one-third of the business houses and dwellings of the entire town, whose population then numbered more than five thousand. Among the business houses of Coraopolis the contracts for which he filled are the Ohio Valley Trust Company Building, the McCormick Building, and the Bremen Building, while many of the most beautiful of the city's houses were built under his direction. In 1898 he added a lumber yard to his business interests, and with the expansion of this branch of his activities he withdrew from contracting and devoted his entire time and attention to lumber dealing. He is also the owner of a small planing-mill, and at his yard, No. 1435 Fourth avenue, handles coal, lumber and builders' materials of all descriptions. Prosperity has attended all of his business ventures and in his present line he caters to a generous patronage, his business conducted along lines of perfect fair dealing, a fact recognized and appreciated by the purchasing public. He is an adherent of the Republican party. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church. His residence is at No. 1804 Montour street, Coraopolis.

Mr. Boyd married, in Hookstown, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, in May, 1883, Anna, daughter of Robert Stewart, her father a farmer of Beaver county, Pennsylvania. Children of Harry C. and Anna (Stewart) Boyd: Rena Bella, Alva N., Charles, Carrie E., Clarence R.

BOYCE

This line of Boyces is a record of three by the name of Isaac Boyce, the third generation, William Boyce, all of American residence, the first Isaac the immigrant ancestor. Isaac Boyce was born in Ireland, and after coming to the United States settled near what is now Boyce Station, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, a place named in honor of the family. He became the owner of a fair-sized tract of land, which he cleared and cultivated, passing the remainder of his life in that locality. He married and among his children was a son, Isaac, of whom further.

(II) Isaac (2) Boyce, son of Isaac (1) Boyce, was born on the home farm in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there died, buried in Melrose Cemetery. After his marriage he brought his wife to the home of his birth and of his youth, passing all of his years in that locality. He was a staunch and loyal Republican, he and his wife belonging to the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Sarah Dennison, and was the father of: 1. Thomas, a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War, died in a New York hospital during the course of that struggle. 2. John, enlisted in Company K, First Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry, and died in Missouri. 3. Joseph, a soldier of Company K, First Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry, died in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 4. Robert W., a farmer, died on the homestead. 5. Richard, a cavalryman in the Union army throughout the Civil War, died in Missouri. 6. William, of whom further. 7. Elizabeth, married Harvey Jemphrey, and died in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 8. Margaret, married Andrew McConnell, and died in Illinois.

(III) William Boyce, son of Isaac (2) and Sarah (Dennison) Boyce, was born in South Fayette township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1820, died at Boyce Station, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1904. He was reared on the home farm, and after his marriage resided on a farm in Washington county, later selling this property and purchasing a grist mill at Boyce Station, there living from 1866 until his death, operating the mill and cultivating twenty-five acres of land on which the mill stood. At the outbreak of the Civil War, Mr. Boyce, then living in Washington county, recruited and organized Company K, First Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry, of which he was elected captain, only seeing three months of active service. He was a loyal adherent to Republican policies. He and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, and he held membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. He married Mary Giffen, born in Cecil township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1830, died in 1908, daughter of Andrew Giffen, a farmer and large landholder, son of an early resident of Washington county. He and his wife were of Scotch-Irish descent, both members of the United Presbyterian church. Children of Andrew Giffen: 1. James, a farmer and merchant, died near Venice, Washington county, Pennsylvania. 2. Andrew, died in young manhood. 3. Mary, of previous mention, married William Boyce. 4. Rebecca, died unmarried. 5. Agnes, died unmarried. 6. Jane, married John Moore, and died in Butler county, Pennsylvania. Children of William and Mary (Giffen) Boyce: 1. James, died aged sixteen. 2. Andrew, died in infancy. 3. Margaret, married John Churchfield, and died in Upper St. Clair township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 4. Julia, married Newton Ross, and died at her father's home in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 5. Isaac L., of whom further. 6. William J., a carpenter of Hill Station, Pennsylvania. 7. Thomas, died at Boyce Station, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1899. 8. Mary, died unmarried, aged twenty-seven years. 9. Sadie, died unmarried, aged twenty-five years. 10. Bessie, died unmarried, aged twenty-two years.

(IV) Isaac L. Boyce, son of William and Mary (Giffen) Boyce, was born in Cecil township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1860. He was educated in the common schools of the locality, later learning the carpenter's trade, which has since been his calling. Until 1908 his home was at Boyce Station, in which year he moved to Bridgeville, where he has since resided, his house, of his own construction, on Chartiers street. Mr. Boyce's political attitude is strongly in favor of the Republican party. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the Carpenters' Union, and with his wife he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church.

He married, in 1884, Sarah N. Ross, born in Peters township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Matthew and Nancy Jane Ross, and has children: 1. Myrtle, lives at home. 2. Ross W., a clerk in the National Mines. 3. Laura Ann, an employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad

in the Union Depot. 4. Nancy Mabel, employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad in the Union Depot at Pittsburgh.

BERRYMAN

The success which has attended the well-directed efforts of Percy G. Berryman, of Tarentum, one of the substantial and representative business men of that city, is the direct result of energy, properly applied, industry and perseverance, essential attributes in a successful career, whether along the lines of a profession, commerce or finance.

(I) The pioneer ancestor of this family was a native of Ireland, from which country he emigrated to the United States, being among the pioneer settlers of Cayuga, New York, where he spent the remainder of his days, and where his death occurred.

(II) Thomas Berryman, son of the emigrant ancestor, was a native of Cayuga, New York, his birth occurring in the year 1823. He provided a comfortable home for his family, and by his upright character won the respect of his fellowmen. He married Margaret Cook, born in the state of New Jersey, in 1824, who bore him ten children, as follows: William Thomas, of whom further; Edward, John, Jerome, Sophia, Peter, Clara, James, Frederick, and one who died in infancy.

(III) William Thomas Berryman, son of Thomas and Margaret (Cook) Berryman, was born in Cayuga, New York, in 1847, died in Canandaigua, New York, in 1913. After completing his studies in the public schools of his native place he served an apprenticeship at the trades of carpenter and builder, and followed those lines of business, becoming also a contractor, achieving a large degree of success. His work called him to various sections of the country, and for a period of time he was a resident of Genesee county, Michigan, Geneva and Canandaigua, New York. He married (first) Emma Munson, born in Otisco, New York, in 1850, died in 1885, daughter of Philander and Maria (Graves) Munson, both of whom were born in the vicinity of Otisco, New York, and who were the parents of three children: Emma, above-mentioned; Clara; Eva, deceased. Mr. Munson was a farmer by occupation, a member of the Presbyterian church, as was also his wife, and a Republican in politics. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Berryman: Bert, deceased; Percy G., of whom further; Floyd; Cora, deceased; Harry. Mr. Berryman married (second) Carrie Johnson, who bore him one child, Lottie A., who resides in Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

(IV) Percy G. Berryman, son of William Thomas and Emma (Munson) Berryman, was born in Genesee county, Michigan, September 14, 1873. Shortly afterward his parents removed to Geneva, New York, and his education was obtained in the public schools of that city, including a course in the high school. Upon arriving at a suitable age he assisted his father in the contracting business, and subsequently became connected with the laundry business at Dundee, New York, remaining there for seven years,

during which time he gained a thorough knowledge of the details of that line of work. In 1903 he took up his residence in Tarentum, Pennsylvania, and two years later purchased his present property and has since conducted an up-to-date laundry, giving employment to between twenty-five and thirty-five people, according to the season, thus making it one of the leading industries of that section. The thorough manner in which he conducts his business, coupled with his progressive ideas and honorable transactions, has been the means of his steadily increasing patronage. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of Tarentum, and in politics he adheres to the policy of the Republican party. Mr. Berryman married, December 24, 1896, Lottie L. Halstead, of Dundee, New York. Children: Bernice, Frederick, William Carlton.

BAUMAN

After the arrival of the emigrant member of the Bauman family in the United States the name was connected with Ohio for many years, a relationship later extended to Pennsylvania. The former began with the arrival of the father of Frederick Bauman, born in Germany, who in 1828 settled in Monroe county, Ohio, receiving a grant of government land. His nearest neighbor was forty miles distant, and here, in the desolate wilderness, he felled trees and erected a house of hewed logs. His trade was that of cabinet maker, which he followed until his death. He was the father of fourteen children, one of them Frederick, of whom further.

(II) Frederick Bauman was born in Rheinbar, Germany, and is buried on the old homestead in Monroe county, Ohio. He came to the United States with his father, and in manhood was the owner of a tract of land two hundred acres in extent in Monroe county, later moving to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he likewise possessed land. Physical disability prevented him from enlisting in the Union army at the outbreak of hostilities between the North and South, but under the draft law he was impressed into the service, being discharged two weeks later as physically unfit. The Democratic party was that to which he yielded allegiance, and in religious faith he was a Presbyterian. He married Catherine Veiock, who came to the United States when she was twenty years of age, her father, a farmer, dying in Monroe county, Ohio. Frederick and Catherine Bauman had children, one of whom, William, is mentioned further.

(III) William Bauman, son of Frederick and Catherine (Veiock) Bauman, was born in Monroe county, Ohio, August 20, 1856, and was educated in the public schools. He became adept in the harness-maker's trade through apprenticeship in Walrose, Pennsylvania, and was thus engaged until 1890, when he moved to Leetsdale and became the proprietor of a general store. Six years later he built his present house, and continued in business in that place until his retirement in October, 1913, closing a business career marked by success and profit, during which he never

deviated from a path of the strictest fair dealing and conscientious rectitude. Although he has never pledged support to a party, he has always been active in public affairs, and for eight years filled the office of constable in Walrose, having for the past six years been a member of the Leetsdale council. He is a member of the Lutheran church. Mr. Bauman married, in 1876, Margaret Gross, of Walrose, and is the father of: H. C., William A., O. C., Edith Margaret, L. E., Erma.

BAKER

The name of Baker is one of those which appear to have originated, at the time of the adoption of surnames, from the trade pursued by the head of the family, whose right it was to decide upon a name. It has, however, gained distinction in professions, in the financial and commercial world since that time. The family discussed in this review has been resident in this country many generations.

(I) Christopher Baker, in the early days of settlement, removed from Mercer county, Pennsylvania, to Westmoreland county, in the same state, and settled near the county home, where he bought a large farm, which he and his sons cleared and cultivated. He married, and had children: Jacob, of further mention; Solomon, a farmer, who died in Westmoreland county; George, a farmer, died on the homestead in Westmoreland county; Isaac, a blacksmith, died at Greensburg, Pennsylvania; David, a farmer, removed to Dunkirk county, Indiana, where he died; John, a blacksmith, died in Salem township, Westmoreland county; three sons, who died in infancy; three daughters.

(II) Jacob Baker, son of Christopher Baker, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and after his marriage settled on a farm. He was a shoemaker by trade, but also followed farming on the farm which he owned, and on which he died in the summer of 1874. He married (first) ——— Holzer, and had children: Lucinda, married George Shettler, and died near the County Home; Catherine, widow of Jacob Van Dyke, lives near the County Home; John, a farmer, married Julia Gressman, and lives at Jeannette, Pennsylvania. Jacob Baker married (second) Mary Pores, whose parents were old residents of Dry Ridge, a small ridge near Pores schoolhouse, on the Pores farm. Mr. Pores, who was of Pennsylvania Dutch descent, was a cabinetmaker and farmer, and he and his wife were members of the Lutheran church. They had children: Mary, mentioned above as the wife of Mr. Baker; Catherine, widow of Zebulon Baker, is the only one of the children now living, and resides in Greensburg; William, went West, and has not been heard from in some years; Isaac D., a merchant, was one of the founders of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and died there in 1911; ———, married Isaac Baker, and died in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. By his second marriage Mr. Baker had children: Sophia, married Henry Klingelsmith, and lives near Stony Springs, Westmoreland county; Daniel C., a carpenter, who served as a soldier, married Elizabeth Naley, and lives in Greensburg; Jeremiah J., a carpenter, and also a soldier, mar-

ried Lovina Wanamaker, and lives in Bouquet, Pennsylvania; William, who was a school teacher, died in early manhood; Sarah, died in early childhood; Aaron J., of further mention.

(III) Aaron J. Baker, son of Jacob and Mary (Pores) Baker, was born in Hempfield township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1853. He was educated at the public schools of his native county, and also attended the Salem Crossroads Academy, where Delmont now stands. He worked on the farm until the death of his father, after which he followed the carpenter's trade in Westmoreland county until he was twenty-nine years old, a part of this time being spent in Mount Pleasant. In July, 1882, he came to McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and a few years later established himself in the contracting business, with which he was identified until 1912. The greater number of his contracts were for private residences, but among the more prominent buildings were: The Beulah Park Church, Ballentine Church on Huey street, the West Side Methodist Episcopal Church, several school houses, etc. In 1912 he turned his business over to his son, and now occasionally works for him. For about five years he was also in the real estate business. He erected a fine residence for his own use at No. 3017 Versailles avenue, and is now living there. He has always been a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and served for some time as a member of the school board. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and his fraternal affiliation is with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Royal Arcanum and the Beneficial Union.

Mr. Baker married (first) in 1878, Annie Catherine, who died May 8, 1881; she was a daughter of Levi Naley, and a twin sister of the wife of Daniel C., a brother of Aaron J. Baker. He married (second) in April, 1883, Mary, born in McKeesport, a daughter of David Miller. There was one child by first marriage: Annie Catherine, born May 13, 1880, married John Reese, lives in Greensburg, and has three sons; Naley, Earl and Robert. Children by second marriage: Vivian Earl, born March 7, 1884, a contractor, married Oma Maxwell, and has no children; Ruby May, born March 24, 1885, died September 12, 1898; Ollie Pearl, born November 22, 1886, lives at home; Bertha Elva, born January 23, 1890, is a teacher.

POWERS

The family name of Powers, also written Power, Poore and Poure, is from the old Norman name Le Poer, and is as old in England as the time of William the Conqueror, one of whose officers bore that name at the battle of Hastings, as appears on the roll of Battle Abbey. From that time onward the name appears to hold an honorable place in English history, many bearers of it being distinguished as soldiers. From England it was carried to Ireland, where many of the name are living at the present time.

(I) Michael Powers was born in Dublin, Ireland, and spent his entire life there. He was a farmer by occupation. He married Anne ———,

and they had children: William Michael, of further mention; John; Edward, a teamster, died in Baltimore, Maryland; Thomas: Mary; Annie. With the exception of the first and third mentioned, all of these children died in Ireland.

(II) William Michael Powers, son of Michael and Annie Powers, was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1833, and emigrated to America at the age of eighteen years. He settled in Cumberland, Maryland, where he lived until about 1878, in which year he came to Braddock, Pennsylvania, and there entered the employ of the Edgar Thompson Steel Works, with whom he remained until 1909, being at that time one of their oldest employes. While living in Cumberland he had been engaged in the conduct of a hotel for a period of five years. He was a Democrat in politics, and he and his wife were members of the Roman Catholic Church. He married Ellen, born in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, about 1844, daughter of Michael and Rosanna (Ward) Jordan, both born in Ireland, who came to America between 1840 and 1850, settled in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where he became the owner of some two hundred acres of land which he farmed, and also followed his occupation as a stone mason. Both died in Somerset county. They had children: Mary Ann, widow of Henry Suhre, lives in Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Michael, who served as a soldier during the Civil War, lives in New Baltimore, Pennsylvania; Lawrence, employed on the railroad, lives in Massillon, Ohio; Ellen, who married Mr. Powers, as above stated; Ann, married Charles Cavanaugh, died at Port Perry, Pennsylvania; Alfred; Rosa, widow of Frank Furley, lives in Cumberland, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Powers have had children: James Thomas, of further mention; Mary, widow of George L. Jones, lives in Braddock, Pennsylvania, at 620 Fourth street; John, drowned in the Monongahela river in 1884; William, employed on the railroad, lives in Ohio; Albert, is employed on the river; Bernard, also employed on the river; Celia, married John Cloheacy, and lives in Irwin, Pennsylvania.

(III) James Thomas Powers, son of William Michael and Ellen (Jordan) Powers, was born in Cumberland, Maryland, October 28, 1866. He received his education at Carroll Hall, in his native town, and then entered the employ of the Edgar Thompson Steel Company, at Braddock, Pennsylvania, remaining with this corporation until February, 1911, when he established himself in the grocery business, continued this until 1913, when he sold out and retired to private life. He takes an active interest in all that concerns the welfare of the community, giving his political support to the Republican party, and he is a member of the Roman Catholic church, of which his wife was also a member. He married, in 1887, Annie C. Britt, born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1868, died January 1, 1913, a daughter of William and Mary (Glass) Britt, and had children: William, born December 20, 1888, died May 9, 1914; Robert, born May 23, 1890, lives with father; Leonard, born December 20, 1891; Ruth, born October 13, 1893, now deceased; Pierre, born October 18, 1895;

Theodore, born October 6, 1897; Helen, born May 3, 1901; Walter, born March 5, 1904; Edna, born in 1906, died in infancy; Cornelia, born August 3, 1908; Richard, born October 19, 1910.

KUHN

Westmoreland is the county of Pennsylvania in which this record begins, Arthur Kuhn having been an early settler at Latrobe, in that county. The name is a numerous one in that locality, and is also found in many other sections of the state. Arthur Kuhn married Catherine Glass and had children, one of their sons, Andrew, being of further mention.

(II) Andrew Kuhn, son of Arthur and Catherine (Glass) Kuhn, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, died in Latrobe, that county, aged thirty years. He grew to manhood in Westmoreland county and was there married, becoming a merchant in the city of Latrobe. A promising career in mercantile lines was shortened by an early death, his wife surviving him until May 10, 1906, her death occurring when she was more than seventy years of age. He married Margaret McGough, and had children: 1. George, a druggist, died at Cumberland, Maryland, about 1892. 2. Arthur James, of whom further. 3. Jennie, unmarried, organist in a Roman Catholic church at Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

(III) Arthur James Kuhn, son of Andrew and Margaret (McGough) Kuhn, was born at Broad Fording, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, February 2, 1853, died in Homestead, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, July 8, 1913. After completing his education in St. Vincent's College, in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, he was for fifteen years the partner of his brother, George, in his drug business in that place, later spending three years in Cumberland, Maryland. At the end of this time, in 1891, he moved to Homestead, Pennsylvania, there establishing in the drug business, so continuing for three years. Soon after his arrival in Homestead he was elected to membership on the school board, serving for two terms as its secretary, and after his election to the office of justice of the peace he withdrew from his drug business, holding this office, through re-election, for a period of ten years. The organization of the Homestead Realty Company followed soon after, the founders being Mr. Kuhn and P. O. Boyd, Mr. Boyd being its first president, Mr. Kuhn later filling that position and serving in that capacity at the time of his death. The business of this concern was largely local, and its records show long lists of transactions completed through its office, among them many bearing with importance upon the development and expansion of Homestead. Mr. Kuhn and his wife held membership in St. Mary Magdalene's Roman Catholic Church, and he affiliated with the Knights of Columbus, being a trustee of Duquesne Council, and the Catholic Mutual Beneficial Association. Mr. Kuhn was a gentleman held in high regard among his business associates, known only as a man fair and honorable in all relations, and by those who knew him in other walks of life was respected for the strength of his character and the uprightness with which he conducted his life, looking always to the good and acting upon the impulses of a generous and sympathetic nature.

He married, June 29, 1876, Mary Hilda McCullom, born in Crum Lynne, Delaware county, Pennsylvania. She was educated at Mount Aloysius, Loretta, Cambria county, Pennsylvania, and was for four years a teacher in St. Michael's parochial school, in Chester, Pennsylvania, being a member of the faculty of that school at the time of her marriage. Since the death of her husband she has resided in Homestead, her former home. She is a daughter of Frank and Margaret (Honan) McCullom, her father born in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1832, died at Chester, Pennsylvania, about 1873, her mother born in Utica, New York, October 31, 1834, reared in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, and died in 1870. Frank McCullom was a riverman all of his life, passing the greater part thereof as captain of tugboats on the Delaware river. He was a son of Frank and Ellen McCullom, natives of county Donegal, Ireland, early settlers in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, where both died, his trade that of stonemason. Margaret (Honan) McCullom was a daughter of Michael and Catherine Honan, natives of Ireland, who settled in Delaware county, Pennsylvania, Michael Honan being a land owner and farmer near Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. He retired from active business when he had attained an advanced age and moved to Chester, where he and his wife resided until their deaths. Children of Frank and Margaret (Honan) McCullom: 1. James K. Polk, died in infancy. 2. Dennis Edward, a grocer, died in Chester, Pennsylvania. 3. Frank, unmarried, a gasoline and oil dealer of Chester, Pennsylvania. 4. Mary Hilda, of previous mention, married Arthur James Kuhn. 5. John, died in infancy. 6. Catherine, died in infancy. 7. Annie, died in infancy. 8. James, died in infancy. 9. Margaret, died in infancy. Child of Arthur James and Mary Hilda (McCullom) Kuhn: Margaret Hilda, born April 9, 1877, died February 13, 1898, a graduate of the California State Normal School, was for four years a school teacher.

GILLESPIE

The family of Gillespie is one old in Maryland and particularly numerous in Cecil county of that state, whence came William B. Gillespie to Pennsylvania. William B. Gillespie was educated in the public schools and afterwards followed the profession of teacher for several years, subsequently becoming employed as the manager of a store in Cecil county. He then moved to Swan Creek, Harford county, Maryland, where he formed a triple partnership with a Mr. Savington and a Mr. Hoak, the firm operating under the names of all three partners, Savington, Hoak & Gillespie. After a short residence near Darlington, he accepted a position at Harford Furnace as clerk, later moving to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he died one year later. He was twice married, first to Elizabeth Nelson, and had five children by his first marriage, and the same number by his second marriage.

Edgar Downing Gillespie, son of William B. and Elizabeth (Nelson) Gillespie, was born in Cecil county, Maryland, January 27, 1844. He was educated in the schools of that locality. He was but a youth at the time of the outbreak of the Civil War, his home being near a place that was being

made a center of supplies for the Union army, and he obtained a position as mule driver. Remaining in the government service, he was sent to Fortress Monroe, and was there located all of the summer. After returning to his home he became employed on the river steamer, "Maryland," used on the Susquehanna river as a ferryboat. While so engaged he was stricken with typhoid fever, from which he did not recover until the fall, when he reentered the army as teamster. He was associated with the engineers of the Fiftieth New York Regiment, and went to City Point, then to Fort Fisher, North Carolina, and on to Wilmington, thence to Appomattox, constructing pontoon bridges over which the army passed. He was soon afterward discharged and went to his home, the end of the war following close.

After leaving the army service, Mr. Gillespie went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to visit an uncle, a Mr. Nelson, with whom he afterward embarked upon dairying operations, which were continued for about one and one-half years. At the end of this time Mr. Gillespie, he and his uncle having disposed of their business, began farming on a farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres of land in Penn township, Allegheny county, continuing its cultivation until 1880. In this year he sold his property in Penn township and moved to Wilkinsburg, where he was for six years a news dealer, then sold his business and opened a book and stationery store, in the proprietorship of which establishment he is now engaged. Mr. Gillespie is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and affiliates with the Improved Order of Heptasophs and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

He married, in 1876, Alexinia Jane, of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, daughter of Alexander and Emmaline (Burryhill) Postley, her father a native of Ireland, who came to the United States when ten years of age, settling in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, her mother born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Alexander Postley was a son of James Henry Postley, the immigrant ancestor of his line, an early settler in Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side). Alexander Postley was the owner of a foundry and the proprietor of a retail establishment, his products being gun-barrels, shovels, spades and other implements. He supplied the Federal Government with many of their articles of this kind during the war between the states, and for the last ten years of his life lived retired. His wife was a daughter of James Burryhill, a descendant of an old Quaker family. Mrs. Gillespie died March 11, 1914. Children of Edgar Downing and Alexinia Jane (Postley) Gillespie: Alexander P., James Oliver, deceased, and Frank Edgar.

GIBB

The Gibb family is an old Pennsylvania family, David Gibb, a native of Scotland, being one of the early pioneers in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, marching under General Washington, with the Pennsylvania troops in the Revolution. Not a great deal is known concerning him.

(II) David (2) Gibb, son of David (1) Gibb, was a native of Robinson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and became a coal miner in Elizabethtown, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and was here killed

in an accident in the year 1842. He was an active and intelligent man, a Democrat in politics, and actively interested in local affairs. He married Margaret Sisly, a native of Wellsville, Ohio, who survived him one year, dying in West Virginia in 1843. To them were born twelve children, as follows: Washington, Daniel, Margaret, John, William, Nancy, Mary Anna, Almina, Emily, Henrietta, Harriett, George.

(III) George Gibb, the youngest of these twelve children, was born December 25, 1832, at Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, and passed his childhood, up to his sixteenth year, in Ravenswood, West Virginia. What education he had was self-acquired, as he had little or no schooling, and at the age of fifteen years he removed from Ravenswood to Nevel Island. He quickly found employment as a riverman under Captain Joseph Anderson, of West Virginia. He did not, however, continue long in this aquatic life, but became a gardener, September 3, 1852, on Seven Mile Island, an employment which remained his principal one for thirty-two years, although he also dealt successfully in real estate. He eventually settled in Leet township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there spent the remainder of his life. He owned considerable property both in Leetsdale and in Edgeworth, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and was very well-to-do at the time of his death, April 17, 1909. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He married Mary Jane McCray, born at Brush Creek, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, July 26, 1830. Mrs. Gibb was a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Stevens) McCray, of Brush Creek, whither Mr. McCray had come as a young man. Mr. McCray was a laborer, and died in Edgeworth, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1873, his wife having died at Leetsdale in 1861. To them were born six children, as follows: Mary Jane, aforementioned as the wife of George Gibb; Robert; Thomas; William, died in infancy; Ann; Abram, died February 16, 1898, married Emily Gibb, and by her had thirteen children: Margaret, Anna Margaret, Elizabeth Rebecca, Melissa Jane, Thomas Walter, Robert Aikens, Lida, Ansen McVay, Maud Alberta, William Dickson, George Gibb, Laura Dickson, Agnes Graff. Mrs. McCray was a member of the Methodist church. She died May 28, 1899. To Mr. and Mrs. Gibb were born ten children, as follows: 1. Joseph A., died at the age of sixteen years. 2. William Melvin, of whom further. 3. Perry Adams, of whom further. 4. Thomas McCray, now of Redstone, Colorado, the superintendent of a mine and railroad there and president of the Redstone Land and Fruit Company; married Arzorina Freeman Camp, of Colorado, and by her has had two children, Frances Freeman, seven years old, and Alma, aged three. 5. Samuel McCray, of whom further. 6. George W., an engineer of College Hill, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania; married (first) Alma Grady and by her had six children: Edna Pauline, Jennie Matilda, George W., Jr., Shirley, Marian Helen and Robert Malcom; Mrs. George W. Gibb died September, 1897, and Mr. Gibb married (second) Catherine Croft, by whom he has had no children. 7. Archie Hamilton, died in infancy. 8. John Geary, of No. 332 Frederick avenue, Sewickley, assistant yard master. 9. Maria Wilson, now Mrs. George W. Groom, of Edgeworth. 10. James Forbes, also of Edgeworth.

(IV) William Melvin Gibb, the second son of George and Mary Jane (McCray) Gibb, was born on Chestnut street, Edgeworth, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1856. He was educated in the local public schools, and passed his boyhood in his native town. Upon the completion of his studies, he took over the management of his father's business, and continued thus occupied until he had reached the completion of his twenty-fifth year. He then bought out the ice, coal and contracting business of John Agni, a successful fellow townsman. Mr. Gibb is now the owner of an excellent business building at Edgeworth, where he carries on his establishment, which has grown, under his successful management, to its present large proportions. Mr. Gibb is a prominent man in his community, and is active in many ways besides that of business. He is a member of the Republican party, plays an important part in politics, and has served as postmaster at Leetsdale for four years. In spite of this he is not an aspirant for office preferring to accomplish what he can while remaining in a private capacity. Besides his business and political affiliations, he is a conspicuous figure in fraternal circles, being associated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the American Mechanics, the Knights of Pythias and the Heptasophs.

Mr. Gibb married (first) 1886, Evelyn Scott, of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and by her had one child, a daughter, Nellie E. Gibb, now Mrs. John G. Pitney, of San Francisco, California. Mrs. Gibb died in 1888, and in 1897 Mr. Gibb married (second) Mrs. Mary A. (Gelder) Walker, of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. There have been no children of this union, but Mr. and Mrs. Gibb have adopted Mr. Gibb's nephew, Robert Malcom Gibb, a son of George W. Gibb. The young man is now seventeen years of age, having been born in 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Gibb are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

(IV) Perry Adams Gibb, son of George and Mary Jane (McCray) Gibb, was born March 17, 1858, on the John K. Wilson farm in Leetsdale, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Here he passed his boyhood and obtained his education, first at the local public schools and later at the Sewickley Academy. At the age of eighteen years, having completed his studies, he became a river pilot, navigating between Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Louisville, Kentucky, became a sub pilot of the steamer "Samson," continuing for four years. In the phrase of that region, he "followed the river" until the year 1911, when he retired to a more quiet mode of life, being now engaged in real estate and gardening at Edgeworth, Pennsylvania. Mr. Gibb is active in other directions than business, however, and plays an active part in Republican politics in his community, although he has never aspired to office. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which his wife also held membership.

Mr. Gibb married, February 21, 1888, in Sewickley, Margaret A. Whartin, a native of Washington, District of Columbia, where she was born in the year 1864; she died February 25, 1905. Her father was Archibald Whartin, a soldier in the Civil War, of Washington, and later of Sewickley, Pennsylvania. Mr. Whartin is deceased and is survived by his widow, who

at present resides at Haysville, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Perry A. Gibb have been born eight children, as follows: Joseph McDonald, born January 31, 1889; Whartin T., February 11, 1890; Nelson, August 10, 1891; Frank Miller, March 22, 1893; Margaret Whartin, November 28, 1895; Martin Luther, June 11, 1898; Paul Willis, April 14, 1901; Dorothy, January 12, 1905.

(IV) Samuel McCray Gibb, son of George and Mary Jane (McCray) Gibb, was born in Leetsdale, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, August 31, 1865. He attended the private school conducted by James McDonald. At the age of seventeen years he entered the railroad employ and for eighteen years was engaged as baggage master. In 1888 he moved to Sewickley, Pennsylvania, and in November, 1903, erected a handsome residence at No. 531 Strait street, where he has since lived. A Republican in politics, he and his wife hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

He married, February 8, 1888, Jane E., born in London, England, June 20, 1867, daughter of Thomas and Catherine (Galloway) Stoker, her parents both natives of England, he born in Staffordshire in 1831, she born in the same year. Mr. and Mrs. Stoker resided in London for a time, later emigrating to the United States and settling at Galena, Illinois. They returned to the homeland, in 1871 coming to Manor Station, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Thomas Stoker was a shoemaker and was killed in an accident in the factory of Oliver Brothers, 1882. Thomas and Catherine (Galloway) Stoker had children: 1. Anna, married Robert Cooper. 2. Elizabeth, deceased; was first wife of Charles W. Hopkins. 3. Frederick. 4. Thomas, a resident of Swissdale, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 5. Jane E., of previous mention, married Samuel McCray Gibb. 6. Alice, married Augustus Gernet, deceased. 7. William, died in infancy. 8. Frank, an employee of the Westinghouse Electrical and Manufacturing Company, lives at Wilmerdale, Pennsylvania. Samuel McCray and Jane E. (Stoker) Gibb are the parents of: 1. Frank Raymond, born February 19, 1890; was educated in the Sewickley public schools, and is now a machinist in the employ of Reese Brothers, Pittsburgh. 2. Samuel Wilbert, born April 16, 1894; a graduate of the Sewickley High School, Martin's Business College of Pittsburgh, the American Bridge School, of Ambridge, now a student in the Pittsburgh Academy. 3. Lawrence, born March 19, 1899; a student in the Sewickley public schools. 4. George Thomas, born September 15, 1903.

GROOM

George W. Groom, in whose untimely death Edgeworth, Pennsylvania, lost one of the most promising of her young and rising mechanical engineers and a citizen of the highest type, was a member of an Ohio family, and himself a native of that state, where his boyhood and early youth were passed. His father was Kersey H. Groom, who was born at New Lisbon, Ohio, but at the time of his marriage removed to New Franklin, in the same state, the abode of his wife, and is there a resident at the present time. He married Mary Elizabeth Martin, a native of New Franklin, Ohio, and to them have been born four children,

as follows: George W., of whom further; Myrtle Edna, now Mrs. Van R. Thompson; Daisey May; Olive, who died in infancy.

George W. Groom, the eldest child of Kersey H. and Mary Elizabeth (Martin) Groom, was born at New Franklin, Ohio, April 9, 1872. He was educated at the public schools of Alliance, Ohio, and graduated from the high school there, later becoming a mechanical engineer. In May, 1895, he came to the state of Pennsylvania and settled in the town of Edgeworth in Allegheny county. Here he followed his profession with eminent success up to the time of his death, which occurred January 5, 1908, when Mr. Groom was but thirty-six years of age, in the very prime of life and the zenith of his usefulness as a citizen of his state and a member of society.

Mr. Groom married, October 12, 1897, Maria Wilson Gibb, born April 10, 1872, being thus one day younger than her husband. Mrs. Groom is the daughter of George Gibb, who is mentioned in this work. To Mr. and Mrs. Groom was born one daughter, now a charming girl in her fifteenth year, her birth having been on November 26, 1899.

GORDON

Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, is the district that finally contains Luke Gordon, of Irish parentage and birth, who in his American home has but recently made permanent residence in any locality, after a career that has taken him to nearly all parts of the United States and which contains a war record brief, though exciting. He is a son of Darby Gordon, born in county Mayo, Ireland, who there grew to manhood and was married. He was a farmer by occupation, supplementing his income from this source by employment of different kinds that was readily obtainable. His entire life was passed in the land of his birth, where he died about 1872, his wife two years later. He married Jane Feeney, a native of county Mayo, and had children: 1. John, died in infancy. 2. Bridget, married and lived in England. 3. Michael, died in Ireland, a soldier in the English army, fought in the war of the Crimea. 4. Martin, came to the United States subsequent to the arrival of his brother, Luke, served in the Union army during the Civil War, and from latest reports lived in Ohio. 5. Thomas, came to the United States, having seen Australian service in the English army. 6. Luke, of whom further. 7. Patrick, emigrated to the United States, no record of him subsequent to 1874.

Luke Gordon was born in Ballereghim, county Mayo, Ireland, in 1844, and was there educated in the public schools, coming to the United States when he was about sixteen years of age. Arriving in the city of New York, he there remained for a time, on March 19, 1864, enlisting in Company E, Fifteenth Regiment New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war as a member of this company and participating in the action at Farmersville, Petersburg, and Appomattox Court House, as well as several other battles. Through this military service he is a member of Post No. 157, Grand Army of the Republic. After the close of the war he set out upon extensive travels, obtaining employment at different callings, his itinerary including Havana, Cuba, Mexico, California, Nevada, Utah, New York, Massachu-

setts, Rhode Island, Ohio, and finally Pennsylvania. The above mentioned places are only those in which he remained for any considerable length of time, California being the state in which he resided for the longest period. After moving from Worcester, Massachusetts, to Providence, Rhode Island, he was married in the latter place, soon afterward going to Youngstown, Ohio, and there obtaining employment in the mills, in 1873 making his home in Sewickley, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, which county has since been the scene of his activities.

He was engaged in the construction of both the Fort Wayne & Chicago and the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroads, and during the decade from 1879 to 1889 worked in the steel mills of Braddock, in the latter year entering the hotel business, in which he has since remained, becoming proprietor of the Gordon Hotel, on Eleventh street, Braddock. One year later he moved his establishment to a new location at No. 1128 Eleventh avenue, naming it the Gordon House, and in 1899 came to Coraopolis and erected a hotel on the corner of Montour street and Fourth avenue, which he conducted for one year. Renting this house he built another hotel in South Sharon, also finding a tenant therefor, the hotel being conducted as the Stanton Inn, Mr. Gordon retaining the rights of ownership. In this same city Mr. Gordon purchased the Allenton Hotel on Idaho street, and after five years as its proprietor sold the property and returned to Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. In this place he bought several building lots on Ferree street and Fifth avenue, there erecting a buff brick house, handsomely finished and finely furnished, where he has since lived retired, after a strenuous and successful business life. Although a Democratic sympathizer, Mr. Gordon's political action is to a large degree independent of all party affiliation, his belief and conviction being that party ties do not necessarily make for efficiency and uprightness in office. With his wife he belongs to the Roman Catholic church. He holds membership in the Improved Order of Heptasophs and the Catholic Mutual Beneficial Association. Since coming to the United States Mr. Gordon has returned several times to his homeland on visits.

He married (first) in Providence, Rhode Island, in October, 1871, the ceremony being performed in St. Mary's Church by the Rev. John Quinn, Bridget McHugh, born in county Sligo, Ireland, daughter of Laughlin and Ann (Flannery) McHugh, who died in July, 1910. He married (second) in May, 1913, Helen Malley. Children of Luke Gordon, all by his first marriage: 1. John, died while studying for the priesthood of the Roman Catholic church. 2. Annie, a Sister of Mercy, known as Sister Anita. 3. Luke, Jr., died aged fourteen years. 4. Thomas, died in infancy. 5. Michael, died in infancy. 6. Mary, died aged seven years. 7. Mary, married George Wethersteen, and resides in Farrell, Pennsylvania. They were also the parents of two other children, who died in infancy.

GERMERODT

Nicholas Germerodt was born near Muehlhausen, Prussia, Germany, and there grew to maturity. He emigrated to the United States alone about 1846 or 1847, and set-

tled in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, where he found employment in a coal mine. About two years later his wife and their two children came to the United States, and the family then removed to Pittsburgh, making their home on the South Side, and later they removed to Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Germerodt continued working in the coal mines, and where he died in February, 1894. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and prior to coming to this country had served in the German army. He married, in Germany, Martha Dietrich, who died in Mifflin township in 1887. They had children: Frederick, born in Germany, was a mill worker, and died in Pittsburgh in 1912, at the age of seventy-one years; Mary, now the widow of Edward Shank, lives in Oakland, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania; Margaret, married Joseph Waltmeier, and lives at Haysboro, Pennsylvania; Matthew, of further mention; Anna Eliza, married Charles Leppla, and died at the age of thirty-five years.

Matthew Germerodt was born in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 8, 1853. He was educated in the public schools of his native township, and reared on a farm at the settlement known as Six Mile Ferry. After his marriage he engaged in agricultural pursuits, in that section, remaining there eight years, then farmed for the next eleven years in Moon township. He next removed to Coraopolis, Allegheny county, where he established himself in the grocery business at Nos. 1223 and 1225 State avenue, and has since been identified with this enterprise in a very successful manner. In political matters he is a Progressive Republican, and in religious matters a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Germerodt married, in 1875, Joanna Marie Buddrus, born at Koenigsberg, Eastern Prussia, Germany, who came to the United States with her parents, George Charles and Wilhelmina (Naeubauer) Buddrus. Mr. Buddrus came to the United States in 1866, and located in Glassport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he was employed as a coal miner. He removed to Spring Garden, Fawn township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he is still living as a retired farmer, and where his wife died in March, 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Germerodt have had children: 1. George N., born April 15, 1876; was educated in the public schools of Mifflin township; he was engaged in farming until he had attained the age of twenty-three years, since then has been in the butcher business at No. 1225 State avenue, Coraopolis, in partnership with his brother, Arthur William; he resides at No. 826 Chestnut street, with his wife, who was Laura I. Fuchs, and their son, Howard E. 2. Anna C., born October 7, 1878. 3. Arthur William, born November 25, 1880; was educated in the public schools and the Pittsburgh Academy; he also learned the butcher business and engaged in this, in partnership with his brother, George N., the firm being known as Germerodt Brothers; he married Madeleine Wirth, and had children: Margaret Marie and Arthur William, Jr. 4. Elizabeth, born March 22, 1885, died unmarried, in February, 1911. 5. Oscar Carl, born March 16, 1891; he is a stenographer by occupation; married Florence Meals, and lives near Coraopolis; they have no children. 6. Edward Theodore, born January 25, 1894; lives with his father.

FRY

The sources from which names are derived are varied, yet careful and prolonged research has discovered the origin of many of them. Not a few are expressive of the condition of the persons who originally bore them. Among primitive and uncivilized nations slavery has generally been a recognized institution. Our Saxon ancestors cherished it, and the last slave was not liberated in Britain until after the adoption of surnames. In the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, when men had but one name, and a nickname was added to designate more closely the person referred to, a slave might be mentioned as "Ive De Bond," or "Richard le Bond," while a man who had been born free, though of humble circumstances, would be anxious to preserve himself from a doubtful or suspected position by such a name as "Walter le Free," or "John le Freeman." In our Frys, Freys and Fryes, we have but an absolute rendering of "free."

(I) Michael Fry was born January 6, 1799, and died August 9, 1866. He came to America about 1832, settled in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he worked for a daily wage. He married, shortly before coming to America, Eva Sachman, born in 1797, died in September, 1885. Children: Mary Ann, born September 25, 1820, died January 18, 1891; Agnes, born April 11, 1823, died May 3, 1900; Henrietta, born August 5, 1826, died February 15, 1911; Christine, born March 19, 1835, died September 30, 1881; Catherine, born May 7, 1840, died June 21, 1871; John, born January 28, 1829, died in 1901; Philip, see forward.

(II) Philip Fry, son of Michael and Eva Fry, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 26, 1837. His occupation was that of a carpenter. He was a member of the Democratic party and of the Lutheran Church. He married Sophia Buckley, born March 9, 1842, died October 3, 1882, a daughter of James Buckley. Children: 1. James, born September 24, 1860, died January 19, 1900. 2. John, born February 17, 1862, lives on the adjoining farm; he married Mary Ann Montgomery, and has children: Mary Ann and William Philip. 3. Catherine, born September 24, 1863, died February 25, 1891. 4. Morton, born March 12, 1866, died September 16, 1889. 5. Philip Elias, see forward. 6. Lewis, born October 8, 1870, died June 13, 1908. 7. Nathan, born February 28, 1873. 8. Francis, born August 23, 1875, is unmarried, and lives in Warrendale, Pennsylvania. 9. Harriette, born January 3, 1879; married Albert Wile, and lives on an adjoining farm. 10. George Lester, born July 16, 1881, died January 8, 1888.

(III) Philip Elias Fry, son of Philip and Sophia (Buckley) Fry, was born in Marshall township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, June 4, 1868. His education was acquired in the public schools, and upon the completion of his studies he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade, an occupation he has followed all his life. He also owns a fine farm of fifty acres, which he cultivates for general products. He and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church, and he has always supported the Democratic party, and has served as justice of the peace. Mr. Fry married, November 29, 1899, Anna, a daughter of Frederick Siebker, whose children were: Sophia, married Sidney Grubbs, of Cranberry township, Butler county, Pennsyl-

vania; Frederick, living in Butler county, Pennsylvania, married Flora Freedberg; Maggie, married Alexander Biggler, and lives in West View, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania; Henry, married Margarethe Berger, lives in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania; Anna, aforementioned as the wife of Philip E. Fry; George T., married Ida Smith, lives in Franklin township; Caroline, married William Goube, and lives in Butler county, Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Fry have one child, Philip John, born March 26, 1901. They have reared a daughter of the brother of Mr. Fry, Bertha J. Fry, single.

FROMM

William Fromm is one of a family typical of the splendid German character which has introduced into the composite population of the United States so large and valuable an element, an element which has been so closely connected with and to a large extent is directly responsible for the unexampled development of the industries of this country.

His parents were John and Romana (Schiffhauer) Fromm, both natives of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, where they spent their childhood and youth and were eventually married sometime about the year 1860. Mr. Fromm's birth occurred about 1826, and that of his wife in 1832. Immediately after their marriage the young couple came to the United States, and upon their arrival in the country made their way to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and settled settled in the old "North Side." For a number of years Mr. Fromm worked as a laborer in Pittsburgh, but later set up a shoemaking establishment for himself and conducted a thriving business. About 1870 he removed to Lower St. Clair township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there passed the latter years of his life, his death occurring September 17, 1893. He was survived by his wife almost ten years, the date of her death being September 2, 1903. Mr. Fromm was a member of the Democratic party, and took a keen though disinterested notice of the political questions and issues of his day. To Mr. Fromm and his wife were born nine children, of whom, however, only three grew to maturity. These were: Rev. Gabriel C. P., who became a priest of the Passionist Order, and died in the year 1906 at the age of forty-one years; Clara, who lives single as the housekeeper for the Rev. Father August A. Vogt; William, of whom further. The children were all brought up in the Roman Catholic faith, to which their parents were firm adherents.

William Fromm, the ninth child of John and Romana (Schiffhauer) Fromm, was born October 22, 1873, in Lower St. Clair township, now known as Mount Oliver borough. He was educated in the Catholic parochial schools of the neighborhood, and later took a course in the Iron City Business College at Pittsburgh. After completing his education, he engaged in the saloon business in St. Clair borough, Pennsylvania, continuing this with much success for five years. The rapid development of that whole region made real estate a very desirable business, with constantly increasing demands and values, and Mr. Fromm was a sufficiently keen observer to perceive the opportunity offered and enterprising enough to avail himself of it.

Accordingly, in 1900, he started in a business including both real estate and insurance, and now is a large operator in both fields, being the representative of ten standard fire insurance companies. He has become a man of large substance and a prominent figure in his community, conspicuously identified with the life and industrial activities of the place. He is a director of the St. Clair Savings and Trust Company. A member of the Democratic party, he takes a keen and intelligent interest in all political questions, whether of local or national import, and occupies a leading position in the local councils of his party. He held the office of tax collector and treasurer of Lower St. Clair township; later was elected justice of the peace, an office he held for five years; was then elected township clerk and served two years; he was one of the prime organizers of St. Clair borough, and was elected first borough clerk after its incorporation and again in 1914 was elected to the same office. He is a member of the Catholic Mutual Beneficial Association, of the Knights of St. George, and of the Bankers' and Bank Clerks' Mutual Benefit Association, also a trustee of St. Joseph's Church and active in church work.

Mr. Fromm married, May 12, 1896, Jennie Hogenmiller, a native of the "South Side," Pittsburgh, a daughter of Leopold and Mary Hogenmiller. To them have been born eight children, as follows: Genevieve, now her father's assistant, Victoria, Herman J., Alphonsus, Joseph, Mary, Mildred, Reta Rosa. Mr. and Mrs. Fromm are both members of the Catholic church, and attend St. Joseph's Church in St. Clair borough. Their children are being reared in the same faith.

A member of the Fromm family whose name must be mentioned here is Peter Fromm, an uncle of William Fromm, and a younger brother of his father, who came to the United States some ten or twelve years after the advent of John Fromm in this country. Peter Fromm settled on the "South Side," Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and there engaged in the shoemaking business, as his elder brother had done. He died in Carrick, Pennsylvania, and left a family of five children, as follows: Philip, John, Emma, Elizabeth, Clara.

FORD

The Fords were among the earliest settlers of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, coming to that section of the country when it was almost primeval forest, and bearing bravely all the hardships incidental to that period of trial.

(I) Charles Ford, one of these pioneer settlers, cleared the land on which he settled, and farmed there many years until his death. He married and had a family.

(II) Peter Ford, son of Charles Ford, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and was educated in the district school near his home. He was also a farmer and spent his entire life in his native county. He married Eliza, a daughter of William and Mary (Willoughby) Neely, also early farmers in the county, and had seven children.

(III) Edward McCullough Ford, son of Peter and Eliza (Neely) Ford,

was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 7, 1858. He was educated in the public schools of Allegheny City, and upon the completion of his education learned the trade of brick laying. He followed this occupation for a number of years, and later engaged in the business of a general contractor, in which he has been eminently successful. His fraternal connection is with the Order of the Moose. Mr. Ford married (first) Lizzie Otto, and had two children: Edith and Elmer Norman. He married (second) Augusta Olnissey, and has one child by this marriage, Mildred.

EHRHARDT

Frederick Ehrhardt is a member of a German family, and a typical example of the sturdy German-Americans who have taken advantage of the opportunities which the New World offered and have risen to prosperity and prominence through thrifty toil and untiring effort. His parents were Peter and Eva Margaret (Krausz) Ehrhardt, both natives of Germany, who came to the United States while young and still unmarried and settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Peter Ehrhardt was the son of Adam and Elizabeth Ehrhardt, who were residents of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany. Adam Ehrhardt was a mason by trade, which he followed in his native land, and which he taught to his sons as soon as they were old enough to handle materials. He had four sons and five daughters. Peter Ehrhardt was the first of his family to come to America, and he assisted two of his half-brothers to come to this country. When he landed in New York he was a poor youth of twenty-three years and friendless. He at once started out to find work, walking from place to place, working in Chambersburg, Harrisburg, Philadelphia and other places, moving onward towards his objective point, Pittsburgh. He walked all the way from New York City. Peter Ehrhardt married Eva Margaret Krausz, a native of Ourbauch, near Hesse-Darmstadt. When she was fifteen years of age she was brought to this country by her mother and step-father, Philip Martin, and when she was nearing her twenty-second year she was married to Mr. Ehrhardt. Some two years later they moved to Moon township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where they purchased a small farm, near Coraopolis, which Mr. Ehrhardt kept adding to little by little until he now owns sixty acres upon which he has built two houses, and has always kept the property in a high state of cultivation and improvement. After moving to the farm Mr. Ehrhardt continued to ply his trade of mason, while his wife took care of the farm, until Mr. Ehrhardt was fifty years of age, after which he devoted much of his time to the farm. Mr. Ehrhardt passed his eighty-fourth year on December 29, 1913, and Mrs. Ehrhardt her seventy-seventh on June 6 of the same year; they are no longer living on the farm, however, but are retired from active life in Coraopolis. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church at Carnot, but are now communicants of the Lutheran Church at Coraopolis. Mr. Ehrhardt is a member of the Democratic party and still takes a lively interest in the questions of the day. They had ten children born to them: Lizzie, who became the wife of Samuel Meanor, both deceased; John Valentine, died at Coraopolis, in 1908; Mary,

now Mrs. R. L. Hood, of Monaca, Beaver county, Pennsylvania; John, a resident of Allegheny, Pennsylvania; William, a hotel keeper at Knoxville, Pennsylvania; Peter, a worker in the oil fields and a resident of Butler county, Pennsylvania; Christina, who died at the age of four years; Margaret, now Mrs. Harry Raybuck, of Coraopolis; Frederick, of whom further; Benjamin, a policeman at McKees Rocks, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

Frederick Ehrhardt, the tenth and youngest child of Peter and Eva Margaret (Krausz) Ehrhardt, was born March 22, 1878, in Moon township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the local public schools, and upon the completion of his studies secured a position in a nearby grocery store and there worked for three years. At the expiration of this period, he left Moon township and came to McKees Rocks and spent three more years in learning the butcher business. In the year 1901 he had an opportunity to purchase the well established meat business of M. Nauman, whose excellent store stood at No. 108 Singer avenue, McKees Rocks. This opportunity he availed himself of and further bought and remodeled a building at No. 1245 Chartiers avenue, not far from the original location, and there moved his new business. This building, which Mr. Ehrhardt still occupies, has a frontage of twenty feet on the avenue and is one and a half stories high. It contains a residence and the butcher shop, now one of the oldest in the town. Mr. Ehrhardt is a Republican in politics and is keenly alive to the questions of the day. He is a prominent member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor.

Mr. Ehrhardt married, July 15, 1902, Bridgett Fitzgerald, a native of Gratztown, near McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where she was born September 18, 1883. Her father, Timothy Fitzgerald, was born in Ireland, and migrated to the United States as a young man. He settled in Maryland and there married Susan Moravy, a native of that state. After their marriage the youthful pair moved to Gratztown, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he secured employment as a railroad gang boss, and later occupied the same position in a mine. He was a soldier in the Civil War. His death occurred April 30, 1887, and ten years later Mrs. Fitzgerald was married to John Welsh, of McKees Rocks, where she died in 1910. Mr. Fitzgerald and his wife at the time of their marriage were members respectively of the Catholic and the Methodist Episcopal churches, but eventually they both abandoned their churches and joined the Church of God. To Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald were born eight children, as follows: Mary, now the widow of Otto Weis, and a resident of West Newton, Pennsylvania; Thomas, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Maggie, now Mrs. Peter Burke, of West Newton, Pennsylvania; Susan, now Mrs. Edward Leonard, of Dickerson, Pennsylvania; Bridgett, died in infancy; Bridgett, wife of Mr. Ehrhardt; Emma, wife of Fred Koontz, of West Newton, Pennsylvania; John, died at the age of fourteen months. To Mr. and Mrs. Ehrhardt have been born two children, as follows: Margaret Susan, born July 12, 1904; Mary Louise, born July 2, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Ehrhardt are both members of the English Lutheran Church.

Wm. Klein

KLEIN

Alsace, Germany, the birthplace of John C. Klein, father of William C. Klein, of Fair Haven, Pennsylvania, and founder of his family in Pennsylvania, is one of the localities of Germany that has given most freely of her sons for the peopling and development of the United States. John C. Klein was born February 22, 1822, and there grew to manhood, being about twenty-four years of age when he came to Pittsburgh. Another of the passengers on the vessel in which he made his transatlantic voyage from the homeland was Elizabeth Brueckenmeyer, a native of Hanover, Germany, who afterward became his wife. John C. Klein was master of the trade of locksmith, and not long after his arrival in Pittsburgh became the proprietor of a tool factory. Later, for purposes of increased capital and for enlarging the plant, he admitted Edward P. Logan to partnership, the Klein-Logan Tool Company being formed about 1869. Mr. Klein retained his interest in this concern until his retirement from business, aged sixty years, his family succeeding him as members of the firm, holding a half share therein. In 1868 the family home was moved to the Brownsville road, in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, and in that year Mrs. Klein died, her husband surviving her until 1904. John C. Klein was a man keen and shrewd in business, in all of his dealings observing a fairness and uprightness that gained the complete confidence of all of his associates. Politically he was a Republican, and in religion a Lutheran. He married (first) Elizabeth Brueckenmeyer; (second) Rebecca Brown, of Pittsburgh, who died in 1903. Children of the first marriage of John C. Klein: 1. Frederick, deceased. 2. Christopher, deceased. 3. William C., of whom further. 4. Charles, deceased. 5. Gustav A., a resident of North Carolina and Florida, the former his winter, the latter state his summer home. Children of the second marriage of John C. Klein: 1. Ida. 2. John C., of whom further. 3. Emma. 4. Bertha. 5. Clara. 6. Alma, and also several who died in childhood.

(II) William C., son of John C. and Elizabeth (Brueckenmeyer) Klein, was born on Pittsburgh South Side, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, August 1, 1854. He attended the public and German schools of this place, and in 1868 accompanied his parents to Baldwin township, where he became a gardener. For the following eight years he conducted a grocery store with good results, and in 1888 bought his present farm at Fair Haven. In this place he was for five years a gardener, but for the past twenty years has devoted his time and attention to floriculture, having sixteen thousand square feet of hot-houses, and is one of the leading florists of the region. His plant is equipped with most of the modern appliances for the culture of flowers, and, a skilled master of his calling, he has pursued fortune in this line to excellent purpose. In addition to his business interests as above mentioned, Mr. Klein is a director of the Klein-Logan Tool Company, of Pittsburgh, the company founded by his father, and a stockholder in the Carrick Building and Loan Association. Mr. Klein was instrumental in the organization of this latter institution, and

for five years was a member of its board of directors. His political proclivities are Republican, and he has served the township for three years as commissioner and for seven years as school director. He is prominent in all political activity in the locality, and is a member of the Lutheran church, having been financial secretary for the past seven years. His interests and connections in the life of the community are well-balanced, and bespeak a man of broad mind and fine public spirit.

Mr. Klein married, November, 1877, Martha, born in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Frederick and Lavina (Flowers) Olnhausen, her father a pioneer butcher on Pittsburgh South Side, came to Baldwin township about 1855, where he died thirty years later. Lavina (Flowers) Olnhausen also died in that locality, a member of an old Allegheny county family. Children of William C. and Martha (Olnhausen) Klein: 1. Edward William, born October 14, 1878, died December 6, 1881. 2. Charles August Fielding, born November 22, 1879. 3. Albert Loh, born January 26, 1881, married Ella Vogel, and has issue: Florence Viola and William Albert. 4. Lavina May, born May 31, 1882, died November 18, 1886. 5. John Christopher, born July 6, 1883, died October 19, 1886. 6. Martha Nieman, born January 11, 1885. 7. Emma Sophia Myran, born March 9, 1886; married William F. Klein, of Syracuse, New York, and has children: Mabel Manton and Emma Viola. 8. Lillian Viola, born October 21, 1887, married John C. Schreiber. 9. Marie Estella, born February 2, 1889, died February 11, 1889. 10. Pearl Edith, born January 24, 1890. 11. Alma Myrtle, born May 4, 1891, died November 15, 1891. 12. Hazel Marie, born October 27, 1893, died October 30, 1893. 13. Melvina Trilby, born July 19, 1895. 14. Gilbert Franklin, born December 13, 1898.

John C., son of John C. and Rebecca (Brown) Klein, was born August 17, 1872, and was educated in the public schools of his native township of Baldwin, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, completing his studies in the Pittsburgh high school and the Millersville State Normal School. After learning the locksmith's trade, which had been the calling of his father, he was employed thereat in an establishment on Third avenue, Pittsburgh, for some years. He then spent a short time in mercantile dealings, and in 1907 became associated with the Klein-Logan Tool Company, of Pittsburgh, and at the present time holds the position of secretary in that organization. The company is a flourishing concern, conducting a large domestic and foreign trade, and Mr. Klein has proven a worthy addition to its officers, displaying in his new position business ability of high order. Mr. Klein is the owner of a farm in Baldwin township. He affiliates with the Republican party and is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married, in 1895, Lucy, born in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas and Mary Ann Willis, and has children: 1. Lee. 2. Clarence. 3. May. 4. Ruth. 5. John C., Jr. 6. Roy. 7. Harold.

EWING

The Ewings of Kennedy township descend from Moses Ewing, born in Center county, Pennsylvania, there grew to manhood and married. He was a teamster, carrying freight across the mountains, between Harrisburg and Pittsburgh. He is supposed to have been the owner of the first wagon on this side of the mountains, also is supposed to have had the first threshing machine. About 1794 he moved with his wife, Sophia, to Allegheny county, and in 1807 bought one hundred and eighty-three acres in Robinson township, where he built a log house and gradually cleared away the timber from his purchase. There he lived a quiet life, harming none, kind to all, yet his life was saddened by the cruel murder of his wife, Sophia, by a band of cutthroats Daniel Ewing, son of Moses Ewing, had sold a horse in Pittsburgh for one hundred dollars, which was paid him in gold. This he carried home with him and the next morning, while his sons were absent from the farm, three men came to the house and demanded the money, which the old couple gave them. After it was handed over, Mrs. Ewing said: "I will know you again if I ever see you." With that the men turned, raised their guns, fired and Mrs. Ewing fell dead. The one that intended to kill Moses Ewing had a momentary trouble with his gun, the cap failing to explode. Before he could put on another, Leah, a daughter, who was looking out of the loom house door, screamed at the sight of her fallen mother, her shrieks causing the murderers to hastily flee. They were never apprehended and escaped man's justice for their crime. The old man continued living at the farm, until death, but the cruel death of his wife broke his health, and although tenderly cared for by his daughters and sons, soon passed away. The family were members and regular attendants of the United Presbyterian church. Children: 1. Samuel, moved to Jackson county, Ohio. 2. James, a farmer of Moon township. 3. John, a farmer of Findley township. 4. Daniel, of whom further. 5. Leah, married William Gibson, and lived in Robinson township. 6. Margaret, married John McMichall.

(II) Daniel Ewing, son of Moses and Sophia Ewing, was born in Robinson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, March 23, 1807, died September 20, 1880. He grew up on the homestead farm which he helped to clear, and after the death of his father bought out the other heirs and never knew any other home. In 1840 he erected the brick farm house, still standing in excellent condition, and otherwise improved the property. He was a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife were exemplary members of the United Presbyterian church. He married, in 1849, Jane Speer, born in 1819, died January 4, 1887, daughter of James and Mary Speer, also of an old Robinson township family. Children: Elwild, Lulu Mary, died unmarried; James H., of further mention; Lehman Oliver, died young; Robert Addison, born March 26, 1856, a farmer and Pittsburgh property owner, now residing at the homestead in now Kennedy township, married (first) Ida Letitia Fulton, (second) Ida May Eccleson, (third) Mary McCoy; daughter Nellie by second wife married E. J. Barnes, son of James Barnes, of Anderson Roads; E. J. Barnes is employed on the Lake Erie Railroad, and his wife, who is a fine musician, teaches music.

(III) James H. Ewing, eldest son of Daniel and Jane (Speer) Ewing, was born in Robinson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, at the old farm, now a part of Kennedy township, August 12, 1851. He attended the "Clever District" school for many years, then entered a Pittsburgh Academy and for two years was a student at Mount Union College (Ohio). After leaving Mount Union, he returned to the home farm, which has ever since been his home and which he owns in association with his brother, Robert A. Ewing, with whom he makes his home, when at the farm. Mr. Ewing is a Republican in politics, and a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh. He is an accomplished vocal musician, his voice a fine tenor, and for several years he was a member of the choir of the North Avenue Methodist Church. He is a member of the Mozart Club, and formerly belonged to the Pittsburgh Musical Association. He is also an accomplished performer on stringed instruments and his services have been in great demand, he being associated with several musicians of note. His preference, however, was for church and Sunday school music and in that branch of Christian work he has ever been active and very useful. He is now living retired on Eleventh street, in the West Park section of McKees Rocks. He is unmarried.

McKRELL

Joseph E. McKrell, who for many years was actively and prominently identified with the varied interests of the community in which he resided, was a descendant of an Scotch-Irish ancestry, the characteristics of which were transmitted in large degree to the descendants thus making them worthy citizens in the truest sense of the word.

(I) Rev. Joseph McKrell, grandfather of Joseph E. McKrell, was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal denomination, a man noted for his piety and good works, whose influence was felt in various directions and whose life was spent in the service of others. He married and among his children was James Lynn, of whom further.

(II) James Lynn McKrell, father of Joseph E. McKrell, was a native of Ireland, in which country he resided until attaining young manhood, attending the common schools in the vicinity of his home. After his emigration to this country he settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he worked for a number of years, later removing to West Deer township and locating on a farm, which he cultivated and whereon he resided until his death, which occurred in November, 1891, and his widow is now residing there, aged seventy-eight years. He married Jane Taylor, born in Ireland, January 17, 1836, daughter of Allen and Flora (Blakely) Taylor, both natives of Ireland, from whence they came to the United States, locating in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and later settled on a farm in West Deer township, of which he was the owner, and there his death occurred in the year 1884, his wife passing away in the year 1876. Mr. and Mrs. McKrell were the parents of seven children: Joseph E., of whom further; Lydia; John; Mary, deceased; James; Ellen, deceased; Sarah.

(III) Joseph E. McKrell was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1857. He was reared on a farm, gaining health and strength from the labor and the open air life, and he acquired a practical education in the common schools of his day. Later, upon attaining years of maturity, he engaged in business on his own account, being the proprietor of a grocery store in Pittsburgh, from which he derived a goodly income, providing well for the maintenance of his family. He was progressive in his ideas, thorough and painstaking in the performance of his duties, and his willingness to suit the requirements of his customers brought him an extensive patronage, which steadily increased year by year. He was active in community affairs, and was respected for his many excellent qualities, and his demise on December 16, 1909, at his home in Tarentum, was mourned by a wide circle of friends.

Mr. McKrell married, November 18, 1880, Mary A. Herron, born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 3, 1858; daughter of Robert and Mary (Clegg) Herron, natives of Ireland, where they were reared, educated and married, coming to this country in the year 1853, locating in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where their deaths occurred, his in 1896, and hers in 1894, both aged sixty-nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Herron were the parents of eight children: Elizabeth, deceased; Sarah; Mary A.; John; James; Henry, deceased; Agnes, deceased; Martha, deceased. Robert Herron was a son of John and Sarah (McKnight) Herron, natives of Ireland, the latter named dying in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Children of Mr. and Mrs. McKrell, all of whom are living at the present time (1914): Robert Allen, Flora Jane, James Lynn, Anna Mary, Samuel Herron, Joseph Evans, Walter Wesley, Sarah Blanche, Homer Eugene, Rachel Elma.

COWAN

This name, an honored one in Western Pennsylvania, is now worthily borne by descendants of David Cowan, who, born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, crossed the mountains at a very early day, settling in what is now Baldwin township, Allegheny county. There he bought a partly improved farm, a part of which is yet owned in the family he founded. He cleared and improved it and prospered, owning in addition to his farm in Baldwin one in Bethel township on which his son Thomas lived for many years. He was one of the strong characters of his day, widely known and everywhere esteemed for his sturdy adherence to the strictest code of honor in all his dealings. He died about 1868, and is buried in the graveyard of Lebanon Presbyterian Church, of which congregation he was a strong pillar. He married and had nine children: 1. Thomas, a farmer, died in Snowden township. 2. John, died in Bethel township. 3. William, of further mention. 4. Rachel, married Jesse Cunningham, and died in Baldwin township. 5. Robert, died a young man. Two daughters are deceased.

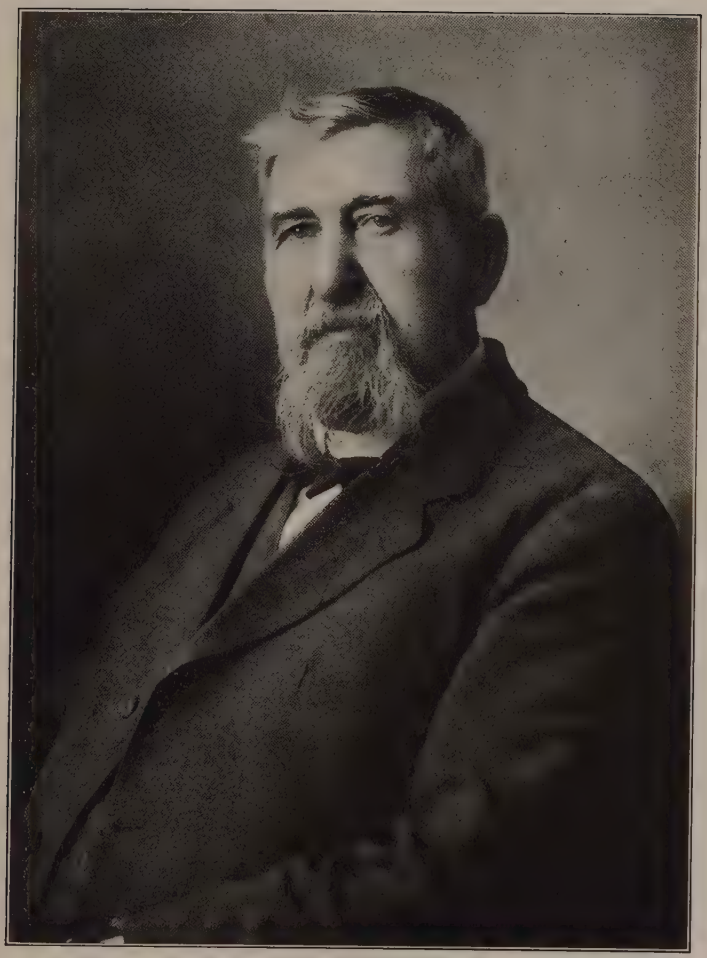
(II) William, son of David Cowan, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1805, and grew to manhood on the home farm. He learned the blacksmith's trade, and for many years conducted a shop on his own

farm. After his marriage in 1838 or 1839 he purchased of his father-in-law one hundred and seventy-five acres of the original Calhoun farm, and there lived until his death. He greatly improved his farm and thereon erected the buildings that are yet standing and in use. His farm was on the Brownsville road, in Baldwin township, and there he worked at his trade and managed the farm. His wife died in 1854, and although he survived her until 1883 he never again married. He was a Republican, and for many years was township treasurer. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church, and are buried at Lebanon graveyard. He married, in 1838 or 1839, Margaret Calhoun, born in 1805, in the old log and stone house built by her father, daughter of Noble Calhoun, born in Ireland, who came to the United States when a young man. Noble Calhoun settled on a farm in Baldwin township, there lived and prospered for many years, owning also another farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres, known as the "Buck Tavern Farm." He was a justice of the peace for many years, and a man of well known integrity. Late in life he sold both his farms and moved to Richland county, Ohio, where he died, a very old man. His children were: Noble, Samuel, John, Sarah; Margaret, married William Cowan; and Eliza. All of these children, except Margaret, moved to Ohio and there died.

Children of William and Margaret Cowan: 1. Jane, married John Noble, and died in Baldwin township. 2. Margaret, married (first) William Wilson, (second) William Moore, and died in Baldwin township. 3. Noble Calhoun, a farmer, died in 1910, in Baldwin township. 4. David, a farmer, died in Baldwin township. 5. William T., of further mention. 6. Elizabeth, yet residing on the old homestead, unmarried.

(III) William T., son of William and Margaret (Calhoun) Cowan, was born on the homestead farm in Baldwin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, August 11, 1840, and now occupies a part of the farm on which he was born. He was educated in the public schools, and spent his early life on the farm. He began business life as proprietor of the Bell House in West Liberty, Pennsylvania, running that hotel three years. He then ran the Castle Shannon House, at Castle Shannon, Pennsylvania, for three years. He then returned to farming, renting the Wilson farm for five years. In 1883 he moved to his present home on the Brownsville road, having inherited forty-five acres of the Cowan homestead. During all these years since, Mr. Cowan has been engaged in the real estate business and has developed several residence additions, including the forty acre tract from the Stauffer farm in Baldwin township and the Marysville addition to the borough of Carrick. He is also interested in the Colonial Trust Company of Pittsburgh, and is well known in the business world as a man of energy and probity. He is a Republican in politics, has served as township supervisor and for six years was justice of the peace.

Mr. Cowan married, in 1867, Anna M. Bell, daughter of Robert Reed and Elizabeth Bell, of Washington county, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Cowan died in September, 1909. Children: 1. Robert, died in Carrick. 2. Elizabeth,



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married Albert Wilson and resides near his parents. 3. Charles, a resident of Snowden township, an employee of the Allegheny county road department. 4. Annie M., married Jesse J. Doyle, and resides at Castle Shannon, Pennsylvania. 5. Amzi, residing with his parents. 6. Howard, station agent at Long View, on the West Belt railway. 7. Louis, died aged sixteen years. 8. Earl, resides in Carrick.

ZEIGLER

The Zeigler family, as the name plainly indicates, is of German origin, and the various members have done much to increase the material prosperity of the various sections in which they have resided.

(I) Adam Zeigler, a native of Germany, came to America in his youth and settled at Harmony, Butler county, Pennsylvania, where he became an extensive land owner, and a farmer, clearing much of the land himself. He and his wife were members of the German Reformed church. He married Annie ——, and they had children: Gottlieb, a retired farmer, lives in Harmony; Abraham, a farmer, died in Jackson township, Butler county, Pennsylvania; David, a retired farmer, lives in Zelienople; Henry, of further mention; Lizzie, widow of —— Sheaver, lives in Harmony; Sarah, married, and died at Harmony.

(II) Henry Zeigler, son of Adam and Annie Zeigler, was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, in 1837. After his marriage he commenced to farm on one hundred and sixty acres of land which had been given him by his father, making many improvements on the property, and erecting the necessary buildings. He found much oil and coal on this land, and lived there until about 1904, when he retired and now lives in Zelienople. He was in active service during the Civil War, but was fortunate enough to escape wounds and capture. He is a staunch Republican, and a member of the Reformed church. He married Mary Sechler, born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, in 1840, and they have children: Nettie, married Henry Dombaugh, and lives at East End, Pittsburgh; Charles W., of further mention; William, a retail lumber dealer, lives at Duquesne; Katie, widow of William Hooper, lives at East End; Anna, unmarried, lives in Pittsburgh; Frank, a physician, lives in Altoona, Pennsylvania; Harry, a lumber dealer, lives in Duquesne.

(III) Charles W. Zeigler, son of Henry and Mary (Sechler) Zeigler, was born in Harmony, Butler county, Pennsylvania, October 20, 1866. After being graduated from the Butler High School, he became a student at the Renfrew Business College, from which he was graduated about 1888. He then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed three years, then, with his brother, William, came to Duquesne, Allegheny county, and there organized the firm of Zeigler Brothers, retail dealers in lumber which they continued until 1907, when his brother Harry was admitted to the firm, and it became The Zeigler Lumber Company, with Charles W. Zeigler as the president. It is now the oldest firm of its kind in the section, also does some mill work in connection with its regular routine, and employs from fifteen to

twenty men regularly. In January, 1914, Mr. Zeigler sold his interests in this concern, and now devotes his time to real estate, in which the firm was interested for ten years. He also represents four fire insurance companies, is a director in the Times Publishing Company, does some contract work, and generally has several contracts to superintend at the same time. Always an ardent supporter of the Republican party, he served his community as a member of the common council, in 1906. He is a member of the Reformed Church, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Mr. Zeigler married, October 20, 1893, Anna, born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, a daughter of David Williams, deceased. They have had children: Irene, a graduate of Slippery Rock Normal School, is now teaching in the Duquesne High School; Laura, a graduate of the Duquesne High School, is now making a special study of music; Beryl, a student in the Duquesne High School.

GARRAUX

One of the contributing causes to the greatness of the United States has been the influx of French emigrants, who came from their native land to better their worldly condition, and to assist in the upbuilding of this country. They have succeeded in doing both, and there is no element in the great mass of nationalities that goes toward making this republic the greatest on earth that has done more toward this end than the representatives of France. The Garraux family has been no exception to this rule.

(I) Isaac Garraux was born in France, and emigrated to the United States, with his family, when he had already attained middle age. He settled in what is now Richland township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, became an extensive land owner, and assisted in clearing much of the land in his possession. He married Lydia Garren, and they had children, all born in the Province of Moliere, France: Adele; Aline; Rosalie; Magdaline; Ferdinand, of further mention; Ulysses and William, who met their deaths at an early age, in 1848, in St. Louis, Missouri.

(II) Ferdinand Garraux, son of Isaac and Lydia (Garren) Garraux, was a very young child when he came to this country with his parents, and was educated in the public schools of Richland township. He also became a farmer, and was successful. He married Mary Anna Shepard, a daughter of Robert and Hannah Shepard, and they had children: Esther, died young; Hannah, married William Muekle; Elizabeth, married C. S. Sanders; Mary, married Leal Allen; Henry A., of further mention; Robert, married Nancy J. Hartsell; Isaac; Frederic, married Anna Hulbert; William, died young.

(III) Henry A. Garraux, son of Ferdinand and Mary Anna (Shepard) Garraux, was born in Richland township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1860. He was educated in the public schools of the township, and very naturally turned to agriculture as his life work. He has a fine farm of seventy-two acres under cultivation, and is very successful in his methods. He is interested in the public welfare of the community, sup-

porting the Republican party, and his religious affiliation is with the Presbyterian church. He married Nancy Jane, who died in 1906, a daughter of Lot L. Morrow, and they have had children: Edna V. and Mary E., both at home.

THOMAS

John Thomas is a member of a Welsh family, representative of the best type of that race which has introduced into the cosmopolitan citizenship of the United States a leaven of their own peculiar virtues, a hardy and moral manhood.

His father was Evan Thomas, a native of Wales, who married in his native land a fellow countrywoman, Mary Jones. Subsequent to his marriage the couple removed to England, and finally, in 1879, came to the United States. Their first choice of a home was Cincinnati, Ohio, where they settled in 1879, but they remained in that place only three years, and in the year 1882 came to Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He worked in the steel works of the Olivers, being what is technically known as a sheet steel heater, and one of the most capable men the Olivers ever had in their employ. In the year 1905 Mr. Thomas went to Alexandria, Illinois, to make a visit to his son David, who resided there, and while there died, at the age of fifty-nine years. In politics, Mr. Thomas was a Republican, and both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. and Mrs. Evan Thomas were the parents of nine children, as follows: Nathaniel, deceased; Eleanor, now Mrs. Edward Wible, of Aspinwall, Pennsylvania, and the mother of two children, Mary and Rudolph; David, a resident of Alexandria, Illinois, where he is a sheet steel heater, married, and they are the parents of three children, David, Evan and Edward; Mary, now Mrs. Frank Francis, of Bellevue, Pennsylvania, and the mother of three children, Cecilia, Eleanor and Lois; Sarah, now Mrs. Joseph B. Hester, of Edinboro, Erie county, Pennsylvania, and the mother of three children, Helen, William and Mildred; Thomas, deceased; John, of whom further; William, deceased; Maggie, deceased.

John Thomas, the seventh child of Evan and Mary (Jones) Thomas, was born August 17, 1877, in England, during his parents' residence in that country. They emigrated to the United States, however, when he was but two years old, and took up their abode in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, when he was five, so that practically his lifelong associations are with this region. He passed the major portion of his boyhood in Allegheny City, and was educated in the local public schools. At the age of seventeen, having completed his studies, he learned the trade of brick mason, and found work in this line and various others for a number of employers until the year 1904. At that time Mr. Thomas decided to engage in business for himself, and accordingly started contracting and building in brick work. He was successful from the start, and since then his business has grown and flourished greatly. In 1912 he came to Ben Avon, Pennsylvania, and there built for himself a fine house at No. 240 Highland avenue, and there he resides with his family at the present time. Besides his business Mr. Thomas is

very active in the life of the community in many ways. He is a member of the Republican party and keenly interested in all political questions, whether they have a local or general bearing. Both he and Mrs. Thomas are members of the Pentacost Church, of Bellevue, Pennsylvania, and are rearing their children in their own persuasion.

Mr. Thomas married, in 1899, Lizzie Hillman, a native of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where she was born December 8, 1879. Mrs. Thomas is a daughter of Charles and Theresa (Lewis) Hillman, and a granddaughter of Allegheny county pioneers on both sides of the house. Her father and mother were born there in the years 1854 and 1858, respectively. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have been born three children, as follows: May, born June 4, 1900, Stewart, born December 2, 1902; Elizabeth, born June 26, 1905.

TUCKER

Many of the families of Western Pennsylvania who trace to foreign ancestors in recent generations came to this state directly from the homeland. That to which the late Michael F. Tucker belonged was an exception to this rule, John Tucker, his father, born in Ireland, settling first in Wilmington, Delaware, whence he came to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In the latter place he was employed in Painter's Mill during the remainder of his active life, retiring from business about eight years prior to his death, which occurred about 1899, when he was more than seventy years of age. His wife, Bridget, had preceded him to the grave by several years, both having been members of St. James' Roman Catholic Church. John and Bridget Tucker were the parents of: 1. John, died in St. Marys, Pennsylvania. 2. James, died young in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 3. Mark, resides in the West. 4. Patrick. 5. William, a resident of Pittsburgh. 6. Michael Francis, of whom further. 7. Kate, deceased, married John Ford. 8. Mary, married (first) John Hanley, (second) John Tharp, and lives in Elliott, Pennsylvania. 9. Annie, married Louis Spang, deceased, and lives at Mount Washington.

Michael Francis Tucker, son of John and Bridget Tucker, was born in Wilmington, Delaware, about 1864, died in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1903, having met an accidental death. He attended St. James' parochial school until he was nine years of age, then beginning work in Painter's Mill, where he was employed until he was seventeen years of age. The following seventeen years he passed in the service of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad, and was then foreman of the assembling department of the Schoen Car Company for about three years. In 1903 he formed an association with the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick, Pennsylvania, soon after assuming his new duties meeting with what proved to be a fatal accident. He was taken to the Wilkes-Barre City Hospital with a fractured skull, and there, despite heroic efforts by the physicians in charge, he succumbed. Since his marriage his home had been in McKees Rocks and Esplen, and in the former place he had erected a comfortable house at No. 619 Frederick street, still owned by his widow, who has recently built a brick house at No. 650 Broadway, where she now resides. Mr. Tucker belonged

to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Trainmen, and was for fifteen years a member of the Catholic Mutual Beneficial Association. At no time in his life did he pledge support unreservedly to a political party, at the polls choosing his candidates from all tickets. At the time of his lamentable accident he was in the full strength of vigorous manhood, was the centre of a wide circle of sincere friends, approved by all.

He married, June 13, 1888, Mary Ann Bannan, born in Pittsburgh West End, daughter of Patrick and Catherine (Gill) Bannan. John and Lawrence Bannan, brothers of Patrick Bannan, fought in the Union army in the Civil War, while Peter and James Gill, brothers of Catherine Gill, were members of the same organization, the former holding officer's rank. Catherine was a daughter of Patrick Gill, of Ireland, who after his wife's death came to the United States with his daughter, Catherine, and son, Peter, to join the remainder of his family in this country. He was a contractor, an occupation followed by many of his ancestors, who erected not a few of the manor houses on family estates in the homeland. Patrick Bannan was born in county Galway, his wife in county Roscommon, Ireland, both coming to the United States unmarried, their wedding ceremony being solemnized in New York City when Catherine Gill was but sixteen years of age. After residing for a time in New York City they moved to Pittsburgh, where she died July 14, 1901, his death occurring in Minnesota, at the home of a son, in October, 1909. Both were members of the Roman Catholic Church, and are buried in the graveyard of St. Mary's Church, Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania. Seven children were born to them in New York, eight in Pittsburgh, of whom the survivors are: 1. Sarah Jane, lives unmarried in Crafton, Pennsylvania. 2. Joseph, a member of the Pittsburgh police force. 3. Mary Ann, of previous mention, married Michael Francis Tucker. 4. Agnes, married Jesse McLaughlin, and resides in McKees Rocks. 5. Paul, a farmer, lives in Benson, Minnesota. 6. Michael, unmarried, makes his home with his sister Agnes. Children of Michael Francis and Mary Ann (Bannan) Tucker: 1. Michael Francis, Jr., born April 14, 1889, a member of the fire department, married Hilda Meyer, and has three sons: Michael Francis (3), Edward, deceased, and Robert. 2. William Leroy, born November 14, 1890, died in infancy. 3. Clement A., born July 13, 1893, died aged seven months. 4. Catherine Marie, born October 28, 1898, died in infancy.

DORSEY

From County Limerick, Ireland, came William Dorsey in 1852, settling in Eastern Pennsylvania, son of Irish parents, and of an old Limerick county family, his parents living in the village of Newport, where William was born in 1794. He had been a farmer in Ireland, there had married, and had a family of six children. He came alone to the United States, working for the contractors building the Pennsylvania railroad for two years, then sending for his family to join him. They came in 1854, and from that year the family home was in Galitzen, Cambria county, Pennsylvania. In 1858 William Dorsey died.

He married Mary Carmody, born in Limerick, in 1802, died in 1856. Children: 1. Mary, deceased; married John Larkins, and lived at Irwin Station, Pennsylvania. 2. Anna, died at the age of fifty years, unmarried. 3. William James, of further mention. 4. John, deceased, a professor in Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana. 5. Michael, deceased, also a professor at Notre Dame University. 6. Nicholas, died at the age of twenty-one years, his death caused by excessive bleeding from a cut from his own axe while felling timber in Indiana county, Pennsylvania.

(II) William James, eldest son and third child of William and Mary (Carmody) Dorsey, was born at Newport, Limerick county, Ireland, September 14, 1841. He came to the United States in 1854 with his mother, brothers and sisters, and after the family settled in Galitzen, Pennsylvania, attended the public schools, and later attended a Catholic parochial school in Indiana county. When his mother died in 1856 he left home and for a short time attended St. Francis College in Loretto, Pennsylvania. He next went to Indiana county, where he worked on a farm and in the lumber woods felling timber. From Indiana county he went to Trenton, New Jersey, working there in a bakery for one year, then going to Philadelphia, where he worked in a cake bakery. On January 7, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, Ninety-first Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving three years and receiving an honorable discharge. He saw hard service with the Army of the Potomac, participating in twenty-five battles and many skirmishes. The battles he engaged in with his regiment were among the hardest fought in the Civil War, the list including Antietam, Second Bull Run, Cold Harbor, Gettysburg, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. He safely passed through the dangers of war, and after his term of service ended he settled in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where his sisters were living. For two years he was clerk in Myers & Sawyer's stationery store, then for two years kept a hotel at Shaner Station, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. He then opened a hotel in Buena Vista, Pennsylvania, but sold out in a few months and purchased "Ten Mile Inn," with the farm surrounding it, of which he was proprietor from 1869 until 1898. His property was then taken by the Pennsylvania railroad under the law of "eminent domain," Mr. Dorsey, however, receiving a fair price for his land and "inn," the latter having been kept as a house of entertainment the preceding eighty years. He then purchased the general store owned by James Mort at Rock Run, which Mr. Dorsey conducted for eleven years, then moved his store to Pine Run. While proprietor of "Ten Mile Inn" he also was proprietor of the American House at Coal Valley from 1892 until 1898. After retiring from the mercantile business he moved to Duquesne, Pennsylvania, where until 1912 he conducted the Dorsey Hotel. In November, 1912, he retired from active business and now resides at Moss Side Grove in Mifflin township, Allegheny county. In 1889 he planted the trees now forming the "Grove," and erected the building necessary for a fine picnic and amusement park, and there resides. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic; Lodge No. 219, Free and Accepted Masons; Zerrubabel Chap-

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ter, Royal Arch Masons, and Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar. In religious belief he is a Spiritualist.

He married (first) in 1870, Mary E., daughter of James and Rosanna Hamilton, of Irish parentage. Prior to her marriage she was a teacher in the Pittsburgh public schools, and at Temperanceville and Shady Side; she died March, 1884. Mr. Dorsey married (second) in 1890, Julia Brossman, a native of Germany, born there January 17, 1865, died October 20, 1914. Children by first marriage: 1. James Hamilton, died aged fifteen months. 2. William J. (2), died aged twenty-three years. 3. John, died in 1912; an electrician. 4. Rosanna, married Charles Cole; children: Lois, Theodore, Melvin, Olive, Clifford, and twins born October, 1914, unnamed. 5. Elizabeth, unmarried. Children of second marriage: 6. Anna, residing at home. 7. Minnie, residing at home. 8. Charles, a chauffeur. 9. Julia, aged thirteen years. 10. Ethel, aged fourteen years. 11. Frederick, aged nine years.

STEPHENSON

The homestead of the Stephenson family of this sketch, represented by the late William Wylie Stephenson, was in Cherry Valley, Pennsylvania, and was held through several generations in the family name. They were a Virginia family at an earlier date.

(I) James Stephenson, father of William Wylie Stephenson, was an early settler of Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he followed the occupation of farmer. He married Mary Jane Patterson, born near Philadelphia, and with her was a member of the United Presbyterian church, his death occurring May 6, 1872, hers January 19, 1864. They were the parents of but one child, William Wylie, of whom further.

(II) William Wylie Stephenson, son of James and Mary Jane (Patterson) Stephenson, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, June 1, 1861, died November 7, 1906. He was reared in his native county and was educated in the public schools, completing his studies in Washington and Jefferson College. His health was never robust and the extent of his business operations was the administration of the estate that he inherited from his father. His political party was the Democratic, which he ever supported with his vote and influence. He married, April 20, 1898, Edith Montgomery Walker, born in Washington, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1861, daughter of James Thomas and Mary (Lewis) Walker, her father a native of Barnsley, England, born August 4, 1831, her mother born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 25, 1837. William Wylie and Edith Montgomery (Walker) Stephenson had one son, James Oller, born in Bow Station, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, May 31, 1899, now a student in Paden's Preparatory School. He is a member of the Bellevue Young Men's Christian Association, the Knights of King Arthur, and, as does his mother, belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson in 1904 moved from Bow Station to Bellevue, Pennsylvania, in the latter place purchasing a house at No. 543 Orchard avenue.

James Thomas Walker was a son of William and Harriet (Wood) Walker, both natives of England, who in 1833 immigrated to Philadelphia, later moving to Pittsburgh. James Thomas Walker attended school at Meadville; he was a stone mason by trade and with an uncle came to Pittsburgh to contract for the old court-house, both he and his wife dying in that city.

Mary (Lewis) Walker was a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Meehan) Lewis, her father born in Fairfield, Connecticut, July 4, 1794. The father of Samuel Lewis was a soldier in the Continental army during the war of the Revolution, attaining the rank of captain. He was a lad of eighteen years when the news of the Boston Massacre reached his locality, and leaving his work in the fields of his father's farm, walked two hundred and fifty miles to enlist in a company of "Minute-men," participating in the rout of the British forces at Concord Bridge. His cousin, Francis Osgood Lewis, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. When Samuel Lewis was a lad of two and one-half years his father rode on horseback to the town of Albany, New York, to invest some money that he had saved, and was never heard from afterward. Nothing definite is known as to the manner of his death except that his horse, bearing a bloody saddle, subsequently found its way home. He was the only one of several sons who did not adopt a seafaring life, one of his brothers, Ezekiel, being the commander of a ship engaged in the slave trade, running to the coast of Guinea.

Samuel Lewis left home when a young man and went to Cleveland, Ohio, later going to New York City, whence he started on foot for the west, falling in with two young men of about his age, the late James Graham, of Pittsburgh, and H. H. Harvey, for many years a lumber dealer on Herr's Island. They purchased a horse, contributing equal shares, and rode and walked in turn, finally striking the upper Allegheny in western New York, there selling the horse and building a flat-boat, in which they floated down to Pittsburgh. In that city Mr. Harvey and Mr. Lewis became partners in a grocery enterprise, a business association that continued until the fire of 1845, in which Mr. Lewis lost nearly all of his property. During the course of his career he made numerous trips to the west, and was one of the passengers on the first mountain mail coach west of Vincennes. Real estate was one of the forms of investment that he most favored, and in this line he conducted many transactions, and although his judgment was usually of the best, he erred grievously when on one occasion he refused to purchase ninety-five acres of land, the present site of the city of St. Louis, Missouri, for the sum of six hundred dollars. Samuel Lewis was a strong advocate of the cause of abolition, and in the period prior to the Civil War was active in the successful operation of the famous "Underground Railroad," also contributing liberally to the numerous funds for the aid and relief of the soldiers at the front. He was one of the few who voted for James Birney in the presidential election of 1840, his brother-

in-law, James Birney, also casting his vote for that candidate. Samuel Lewis died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1888, aged ninety-four years. He was twice married, his first wife Emily Hickox, of Cleveland, Ohio, his second Jane, a sister of Captain Charles Meehan and Captain Thomas Meehan, both well-known rivermen prior to the Civil War. By his first marriage he had one son, Charles H., a mechanical engineer, identified for the greater part of his life with the Atlantic and Great Western Railroad, at Meadville, Pennsylvania. By his second marriage he had daughters: Mrs. Peter Remning, of Edgeworth, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Mary Walker, of Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side), Pennsylvania, of previous mention, wife of James Thomas Walker.

SCHULZ

Gustav Schulz, born in Prussia, Germany, in October, 1844, was a boy of about six or seven years of age when he was brought to the United States by the John Schulz family, who settled in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. There he was raised on a farm until he was about fifteen years of age, when he was apprenticed to learn the blacksmith's trade, with which he was occupied until the outbreak of the Civil War. He enlisted, September 7, 1861, in Company E, Seventy-fourth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until December 17, 1862. He was an active participant in the battles of Cross Keys, Sulphur Springs, Freeman's Fort and the second battle of Bull Run. During this last engagement he was badly wounded in the head, a bullet entering beneath the left ear and lodging in the lower left jaw. Sight and hearing were destroyed on that side of the face, and the jaw bone broken. For six days, from August 29 to September 5, Mr. Schulz lay on the battlefield, and at the end of this time had managed to crawl about three miles in order to get aid. He was then taken to the Washington Hospital, where he remained until December 17, and was then honorably discharged from the Union army by reason of disability. Upon his return to his home after the war he attended school for a while, then worked for some time in a store. After a year spent in the west, he returned to Braddock, Pennsylvania, and for a period of ten years was engaged in the brewery business, then sold this enterprise, and has lived retired since that time. For the past forty-seven years he has been living in the comfortable house which he built at No. 638 Washington avenue. He is a strong Democrat, and a member of the Union Veteran Legion. He is very temperate in his habits, and believes in total abstinence. Mr. Schulz never married.

SHIELDS

The American progenitor of the family of which David Shields is a member was James Shields, descendant of an English family, a native of Ireland, who settled in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in the latter part of the seventeenth century. His grandson, Thomas Shields, was a goldsmith of Philadelphia, and had a son, David Shields, who was a merchant in the West India trade. David

Shields was born August 16, 1780, died November 2, 1857, having settled in Little Washington, Pennsylvania, about 1800. Soon after his arrival in this locality he married Eliza, only child of Major Daniel Leet. Children: Maria, married a Mr. Wilson; Daniel Leet; Thomas L., of whom further; Hannah; Eliza; Susanna, married Rev. Isaac Cook; R. B., a fifth daughter.

(V) Thomas L. Shields, son of David and Eliza (Leet) Shields, was born in Little Washington, Pennsylvania, in April, 1809, died in 1879. He was educated for the law and became a member of the Philadelphia bar, subsequently being admitted to practice in all of the state and federal courts of his district, and until 1854 was active in professional work. In that year he withdrew from legal pursuits and moved to Cromwell county, Ohio, then to a farm in Sewickley township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, near Shields Station, there building the brick house which is the present home of Captain David Shields. Thomas L. Shields was a fluent and impressive public speaker, a Whig in politics, and was one of the organizers of his party in his locality. He was ever a gentleman of influential position, and possessed the quality of easily adapting himself to changed conditions, so that, after moving to his farm, he became a respected authority on matters agricultural and horticultural, as before he had been a reliable source of information on subjects legal. He married Amelia, daughter of John and Harriet (Craig) Chaplin. Harriet was a daughter of Major Isaac and Amelia (Neville) Craig, her mother a daughter of General John and Winifred (Conway) Neville and a sister of General Presley Neville, who served on General Lafayette's staff during the war of the Revolution. Children of Thomas L. and Amelia (Chaplin) Shields: 1. Eliza S. 2. William C., first lieutenant of Company G, Twenty-eighth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was killed during the Civil War at the battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia, his body never being recovered. 3. Amelia, married James B. Oliver. 4. Lydia H., married William L. Jones. 5. Wilhelmina. 6. Rebecca. 7. Thomas L. 8. David, of whom further.

(VI) Captain David (2) Shields, son of Thomas L. and Amelia (Chaplin) Shields, was born in Cromwell county, Ohio. After attending the public and private schools near his Pennsylvania home, he became a student in Jefferson College. His academic course was little more than under way when war between the north and the south advanced beyond the stage of threatening danger and became a terrible reality. He entered the ranks of Company F, Sixty-third Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, as a private, and advanced through the grades of corporal, sergeant and second lieutenant to the rank of captain, receiving his commission in November, 1862, through Special Order No. 9, serving in that capacity until his disablement and subsequent honorable discharge, dated June 9, 1864.

Returning to his home, Captain Shields was for ten years engaged in

the manufacture of woolen goods in New Brighton, Pennsylvania, the company with which he was identified being the Keystone Woolen Manufacturing Company. Since withdrawing from this line of endeavor he has engaged in the cultivation of the homestead, and there for the past twenty-eight years has conducted experiments in the perfection of an ideal fertilizer. For twenty-seven years he endeavored to procure from coal a fertilizer that could be obtained cheaply enough for commercial purposes, reasoning that, coal being a vegetable production, it should in some form be valuable in plant fertilization. During all this time he did not attain success, the solution, if one lies along that line, eluding him persistently. At the end of this twenty-seven years of experiment he transferred his operations to fire clay, with which all coal is underlain, and from that substance has produced a fertilizer of all desirable qualities at a price moderate enough to permit of its general use. This he has protected with all patent rights and recently arranged a series of tests with fertilizers manufactured in England, his product being awarded the victory in each case, its action upon plant life inducing a steady, vigorous growth and increasing the productive power thereof. The composition of this fertilizer is in the following proportion, seventy per cent. fireclay, twenty per cent. powdered coal, and ten per cent. salts of water. This last ingredient is procured twelve hundred feet below the surface of the earth, the properties that make it of value in the fertilizer having been taken from the soil as the water sank from the surface. The fertilizer is now being placed upon the market, and upon the authority of persons competent to judge should prove an immediate success, its use being universal and its value to agriculturists almost beyond comprehension. Its perfection represents many hours and days of seemingly hopeless search on the part of Captain Shields, and in finally reaching the goal for which he strove he has placed his name among those honored for their accomplishments in the arts of peace, as he gave it position among those loyal and valiant in the business of war. Captain Shields is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Union Veteran Legion, and wears the decoration of the Loyal Legion.

SMITH

Numbered among the prosperous and representative business men of Avalon, men of energy, enterprise and determination, whose success in life is the natural sequence of well directed effort, is Alphons Wilson Smith, a native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, whose birth occurred on the site of the Union Depot, in December, 1858, son of Adam and Emilia (Miller) Smith, and grandson of Joseph and Josephine Smith and Lewis Miller.

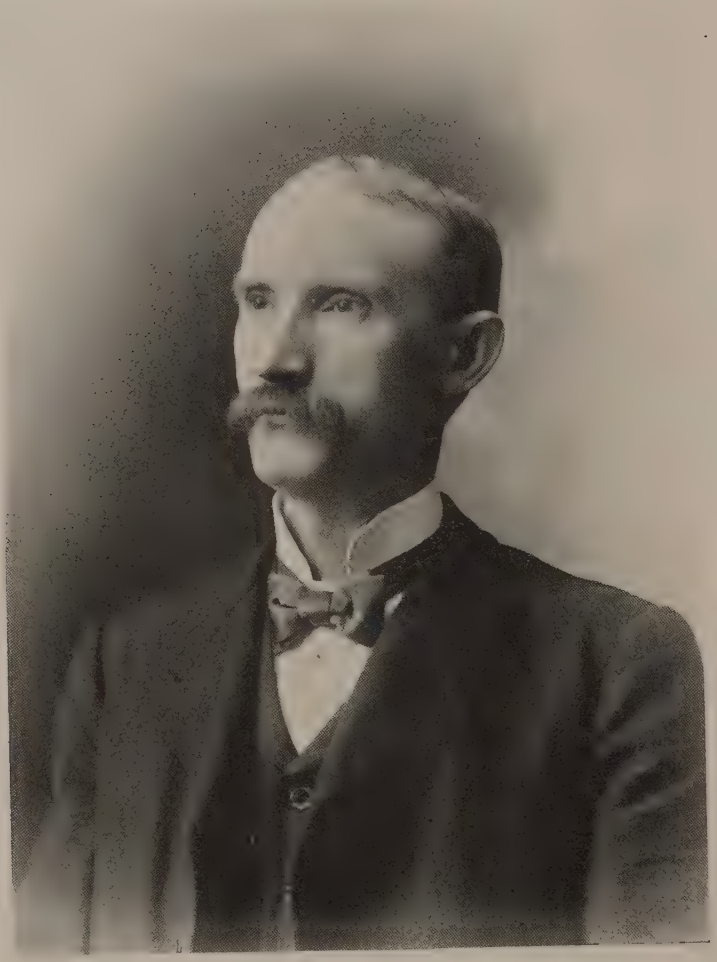
(I) Joseph Smith, paternal grandfather of Alphons W. Smith, was a native of Baden, Germany, where he was reared and educated, and later in life became a wine merchant. In 1833 he came to this country, locating in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and there continued in the liquor business under the name of Smith Brothers, achieving a large degree of success. His death occurred in Pittsburgh.

(II) Adam Smith, father of Alphons W. Smith, was born in Baden, Germany, in 1827. He accompanied his parents to the United States in early life, coming by way of Castle Garden. He attended the schools of Pittsburgh, and began his active business career in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad, remaining with them for the long period of twenty-eight years, a fact which amply testified to his faithfulness to duty. He then engaged in the bottling of mineral water and sarsaparilla, under the name of Adam Smith, his bottling plant being located at the Point. This proved a failure, and his wife then opened a dressmaking and men's furnishing establishment on Ohio street, Pittsburgh, which proved highly successful, and from which they derived a comfortable livelihood. During the Civil War Mr. Smith enlisted in Company G, First Maryland Cavalry, and served for three years and four months, coming through that terrible conflict without a wound, a remarkable fact. He married Emilia Miller, born in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, daughter of Lewis Miller, who came from Stuckhard, Wurtemberg, Germany, to Allegheny, Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade of comb maker, the work being done by hand, and there his death occurred. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom are living at the present time (1914): Emma, Alphons W., Frank, Robert, William, Harry, Josephine, Lillian. Mr. Smith died in 1906, having survived his wife several years, her death occurring in 1900.

(III) Alphons W. Smith received a practical education in the schools of the ninth ward, Pittsburgh, completing his studies at the age of twelve years. During the following six years he worked in glass houses and rolling houses, and then turned his attention to the carpet industry, in which he has continued to the present time, and since 1900 has been in business on his own account and has met with well-deserved success. He is progressive in his ideas, thorough in workmanship, obliging and painstaking, and this accounts for the increase in his business both in volume and importance. In 1888 he took up his residence in Avalon, and during the intervening years has taken a deep interest in everything that pertains to the development and welfare of his adopted town. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Smith married, in 1881, Clara Mischbaugh, born in Rochester, Pennsylvania, reared in Kilbuck township, now Avalon. Children, all of whom are living at the present time: 1. Elmer, has ranch and mining interests in Turkey, Arizona. 2. Myrtle, wife of ——— Dotta, of Oakland. 3. Ella Margaret, who resides in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. 4. Raymond, resides at home. 5. Melvin, resides at home. 6. Dorothy, resides at home.

McBRIDE

In 1890, at the age of eighty-six years, there died in Venango township, Butler county, Pennsylvania, Patrick McBride, who was born in county Donegal, Ireland, March 17, 1807. He was a son of Michael McBride and his first wife, who died at the birth of her son, Patrick. Michael McBride married a second wife, a Miss Har-



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kins. Leaving one child, Patrick, in Ireland, he located in Buffalo township, Butler county, Pennsylvania, where he owned a farm cleared from the forest by his own hands. There a son Michael was born to him, who later was a solider of the Mexican War, settling in Texas after the war was over.

(II) Patrick McBride, son of Michael, grew to manhood in county Donegal, and there married Catherine Freel, born in 1811, died in Butler county, Pennsylvania, aged about sixty-eight years. They lived in their native land until after the birth of their second child, then came to the United States, locating in Venango township, Butler county, where Mr. McBride finally became the owner of two hundred acres of good farm land. The family were all members of the Roman Catholic church, and people of industrious habits. Patrick McBride stood six feet tall, weighed one hundred and ninety pounds, and this bulk of bone and muscle he pitted against the wild forces of the new world, winning his farm from the forest and compelling prosperity to attend his labors. He joined his father in Butler county in 1840, and for half a century lived on his Venango township farm. He was a fine type of the pioneer farmer, strong and robust, honest, industrious and cheerful, his native Irish wit and hopefulness carrying him over the many hard places and lightening the gloom of the pioneer farmer's life. Patrick and Catherine McBride had six children; two were born in Ireland and came to this country with their parents, and four were born in Butler county: 1. Bridget, married Edward McCann, and lived in Crafton, Pennsylvania. 2. Margaret, a Sister of Charity, living in Cincinnati, Ohio. 3. Mary Ann, married John Conway, and resided on their farm in Butler county until death. 4. Catherine, married John Gormley, a merchant of Murrinsville, Butler county, Pennsylvania. 5. Michael J., a former partner of McBride Brothers, now living retired in Braddock, Pennsylvania; he married Louisa Gormley. 6. Edward F., of further mention.

(III) Edward F., youngest son and child of Patrick and Catherine (Freel) McBride, was born in Venango township, Butler county, Pennsylvania, in 1853, died April 11, 1913, in Braddock, Pennsylvania. He grew up at the home farm, attended the public schools of the district, and continued his father's assistant until reaching manhood. He then began working in the Butler county oil fields, serving in different capacities until finally obtaining interest in several leases, he became an oil operator on his own account. He remained in the business of oil production until 1892, having then located for several years at Millerstown. In 1892 he located in Braddock, Pennsylvania, where soon afterward, in partnership with his brother, Michael J. McBride, and a Mr. Rogers, he established a retail lumber business under the firm name of McBride, Rogers & Company. This firm only existed until November, 1893, when fire destroyed the yard and business. The firm then reorganized as McBride Brothers, rebuilt, and began their long continued prosperity. The business grew

rapidly, and a planing mill was added to the plant at the corner of Fleet street and Talbot avenue. The brothers, Edward F. and Michael J. McBride, continued their most successful business enterprise until January 1, 1913, then retired, and were succeeded by their sons, William J., Harry E. and Clarence J. McBride, the first the son of Edward F., and the two latter son of Michael J. McBride, the cousins changing the old firm name to McBride Lumber Company.

Edward F. McBride, in addition to his large retail lumber and planing mill interests, also during his latter years dealt in real estate and was interested in other Braddock activities. He was a member of St. Brenden's Roman Catholic Church, was a Democrat in politics, and for six terms served as a member of council at Rankin, Pennsylvania. He married Julia Ann Forquer, born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, died August 1, 1898, daughter of William and Margaret Forquer, of Irish parents, old residents of Butler county, Pennsylvania, all living to a good old age. Children of William and Margaret Forquer: 1. Alphonse, deceased, an oil operator in the Ohio fields. 2. William, deceased, an attorney of the Butler county bar. 3. Hugh, an oil operator of Butler county. 4. Joseph, deceased, an attorney of the Butler county bar. 5. Julia Ann, married Edward F. McBride. 6. Louise, married a Mr. Collins, a farmer of Butler county, where both yet reside. 7. Edith, married John McNamara, a farmer of Butler county, where both yet reside. 8. Tillie, married John Lane, a coal operator of Uniontown, Pennsylvania. 9. Kate, married Michael Higgins, a farmer of Butler county.

Children of Edward F. and Julia Ann McBride: 1. Frank, in the insurance business, now residing in Swissvale. 2. Anna, a resident of McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 3. William J., of further mention. 4. Ralph, a professional baseball player, now a pitcher in the New York State League. 5. Paul, an employee of McBride Brothers. 6. Alma, married Frank McCloskey, and resides in McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

(IV) William J., second son and third child of Edward F. and Julia Ann (Forquer) McBride, was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, December 29, 1880. He attended the public schools of the district until thirteen years of age, then, his parents moving to Braddock, his studies were continued in the schools of that city until he was eighteen years of age. During these years from boyhood his summers had been spent in working in the lumber yards and planing mill operated by McBride Brothers, consequently on leaving school he went into the business experienced and practical. He was associated with his father and uncle in business in a subordinate capacity until January 1, 1913, when with his cousins, Harry E. and Clarence J. McBride, they purchased the business of McBride Brothers, retail lumber dealers and planing mill manufacturers, the business being changed to McBride Lumber Company. The business is a large one, and the firm is widely known and highly rated, the young men now in control fully maintaining the high standard of business integrity established by their fathers.

William J. McBride is a Democrat in politics, and has served the borough of Rankin as collector of taxes. He is a member of St. Brenden's Roman Catholic Church, belongs to the Knights of Columbus, and is interested in church and society work. He married, October 12, 1910, Margaret McClain, daughter of William H. and Ann McClain, the former a grocer of Braddock. Child: Edward F., born May 11, 1912. The family home of the McBrides is in the borough of Rankin at 22 Kenmawr avenue.

ROWSE

Used interchangeably with Rouse and permitting even more widely diversified spellings, this name had its origin in Germany. Those bearing it becoming entangled in the political difficulties of their native land, and about the middle of the eighteenth century many became refugees from political authority, some going to Great Britain, others emigrating to the American shore. They are numerous at the present time in Devonshire, England, while in the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, Rowses are found, individuals having carried the name over a still wider extent of territory. The line following is descended from Simon Rowse, who after leaving his native land settled at Post Bridge, Devonshire, England, where he passed his remaining years.

(I) In his line is Thomas Rowse, born at Dartmoor, England, where he lived and died, his death occurring about 1880, and he is buried at Post Bridge, England. He was a metallurgist and chemist by profession, and for many years was an engineer in the copper mines of that locality. He achieved considerable fame and prominence in his calling, and at one time an exhibit that he had prepared was shown at Exeter, the specimens having been taken from the Vitaver mine and arranged with the fine accuracy of the skilled scientist. He married and was the father of a large family: 1. Matthew, a minister of the Church of England, lives at Post Bridge, England. 2. John, died in England. 3. Thomas, of whom further. 4. Mary, married John Stacy, and lives in England. 5. Ann, married William Worth, and lives in England. 6. Elizabeth, married a Mr. Weels, and resides at Torquay, England. 7. Mark, a minister of the Church of England.

(II) Thomas (2) Rowse, son of Thomas (1) Rowse, was born at Post Bridge, Devonshire, England, March 13, 1834, died in Homestead, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 29, 1908. His scholastic training was received in a private school under the tutelage of Professor Bennett, one of a family of high reputation in educational circles in England, and he was trained for the mining engineering profession. About 1862 he emigrated to the United States, but found few advantageous opportunities in his profession, activities in that line having been considerably hampered because of the conflict then on between the North and the South, and returned to his native land. Two years later he once more came to the United States, making his home at Harrisville, Butler county, Pennsylvania, and entering the service of the Mercer Mining and Manufacturing Com-

pany. Retaining his home in Harrisville, about 1873 he and his family visited England, and after a two months' stay in that country sailed once more for New York, whence Mrs. Rowse and her children proceeded to the family home at Harrisville, Mr. Rowse departing for Brazil, South America, in the interests of the B. F. Folsom Company, of New York City. Upon his return from South America he was successively employed by companies in Pennsylvania, Colorado, Alabama and Kentucky, and was exceedingly active in his profession until 1900, in the latter year retiring from business and making his home with his son, Edwin F., at Homestead, Pennsylvania, where he passed his remaining years. Thomas Rowse was an able master of his profession and during the course of a busy career acquired an honorable reputation therein, and was frequently consulted upon difficult questions by his professional brethren who wished an authority by which to proceed. Both he and his wife were members of the Episcopal church. He fraternized with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic Order. He is buried in the cemetery at Harrisville, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Rowse married Charlotte Martin, born in Tavistock, England, in 1836, died February 28, 1886, daughter of Simon and Mary Martin, of a family long seated in that place. Children of Thomas and Charlotte (Martin) Rowse: 1. Charles, a farmer, died in Grove City, Pennsylvania, aged twenty-nine years. 2. Thomas, a farmer of Mercer county, Pennsylvania. 3. Edwin F., of whom further. 4. William Louis, a druggist, died in Monongahela City, Pennsylvania. 5. An infant son, died unnamed. 6. An infant daughter, died unnamed. 7. George, died in young manhood in 1885. 8. John, died at Harrisville, Pennsylvania, in 1898. 9. Mary, married John McTagarett, and resides in Mercer county, Pennsylvania.

(III) Edwin F. Rowse, son of Thomas (2) and Charlotte (Martin) Rowse, was born in Harrisville, Butler county, Pennsylvania, March 25, 1865. He was graduated from Grove City College. In 1884 he received an appointment in the commissary department of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and for three years was located at McAllister, Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, at the expiration of that time returning to Pennsylvania and entering the pharmaceutical department of the University of Pittsburgh (University of Western Pennsylvania). He was graduated from this institution in the class of 1891, and soon afterward purchased an interest in John Shafer's pharmacy at the corner of Sixth avenue and Ann street, Homestead, Pennsylvania, a connection that continued until after the labor disturbances of 1892. In the spring of the following year Mr. Rowse bought Dr. Osborne's drug store on Dixon street, Homestead, and was there located for four years, then, with H. J. O'Donnell, formed the firm of Rowse & O'Donnell, a firm which was in business on Eighth avenue until its dissolution in 1900. Mr. Rowse moved to his present place of business at No. 1410 Mifflin street when the affairs of the firm had been settled, and now holds second place among the druggists of Home-

stead in years of continuance in business. Success has attended his professional ventures, and he is known as a careful, scrupulous and honorable pharmacist, attending to the needs of a most desirable patronage. Mr. and Mrs. Rowse are members of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Rowse married Eliza M. Simons, born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Richard and Eliza M. (Blackwell) Simons. Children of Edwin F. and Eliza M. (Simons) Rowse: 1. Edwin S., a pharmacist of Beaver, Pennsylvania. 2. Ernest Clarence, a drug clerk, lives in Blairsville, Pennsylvania. 3. Earl C., a pharmacist of Philadelphia. 4. Elijah F., associated in business with his father. 5. George Thayer, a pharmacist of New York City. 6. Eugene, a student in the Homestead High School. 7. Thomas Milton, a student in the Homestead High School. 8. Alice Audrey, a student in the public schools.

RINGEISEN

Although born in McCandless township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, Andrew C. Ringeisen descends from German forbears, his grandfather, Philip Ringeisen, a farmer of Germany, living and dying in that land.

(II) Michael Ringeisen, son of Philip Ringeisen, was born in Germany, was there educated and lived until his eighteenth year, working on his father's farm. On coming to the United States he located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he worked in the Mount Oliver coal mines. In 1886 he bought a farm of fifty acres in McCandless, and as he prospered he bought other farms until he owned three in McCandless and one in Hampton township, aggregating about two hundred and thirty acres. He lived on one of his McCandless township farms, improving it with excellent buildings and living there in prosperity until his death. He was a member of the German Lutheran church, and a man highly esteemed. He married Elizabeth Gerger, born in Germany. Children: Catherine, deceased; Caroline; Elizabeth, deceased; Louisa; Christian; Margaret; Sophia; Andrew C., of further mention; John; William.

(III) Andrew C. Ringeisen, son of Michael and Elizabeth (Gerger) Ringeisen, was born in McCandless township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, March 29, 1871. He attended public schools and from youth has been a farmer and market gardener. He began life for himself on a rented farm, but in 1899 bought his present farm of thirty-one acres and there continues a gardener and teamster. He is a member of the English Lutheran church, and in politics a Republican. Mr. Ringeisen married, in 1893, Lena, daughter of George Meyers, of McCandless township. Children: George, born April 26, 1895, and Frank, born July 6, 1904.

O'NEIL

On April 29, 1884, there died in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, John Nixon O'Neil, who for a quarter of a century had been one of the leading men of his town and section, dominating as a member of the firm of J. N. and W. W. O'Neil and O'Neil & Company,

the coal interests of his section. On the day of his funeral his townsmen paid tribute to his memory by closing all business houses of the town, a mark of respect since shown to but one man. John Nixon O'Neil was the son of Denny and Sarah (Brauff) O'Neil, and grandson of John and Mary (Robinson) O'Neil, who came to what is now Hays borough, from Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. Denny O'Neil had three sons, the two eldest associated as J. N. and W. W. O'Neil, becoming leaders in coal production, and in the business life of their section ranking foremost.

John Nixon O'Neil was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, at what is now Hays borough, August 6, 1828. He was educated in the public schools, and in early life worked in the Monongahela Valley mines, there acquiring a practical knowledge of coal mining that was later of great benefit to him. In 1858, with his brother, William Woods O'Neil, he formed the firm of J. N. and W. W. O'Neil and began mining and shipping coal. Their first mines were at West Elizabeth on the west bank of the Monongahela river, but the brothers extended their operations and operated very largely in other sections. In 1866 the Large brothers, S. P. and J. N., were admitted and the firm reorganized as O'Neil & Company. The operations of the new firm were extensive and continued for many years until sold to the coal combination, the sale, however, being consummated several years after the death of John N. O'Neil. As long as he lived he retained his interest and gave to the business his full powers and closest attention. He was president of the Pittsburg Coal Exchange and had many large and important interests in banks and coal lands in different sections. He not only stood high in the business world, but was a devoted Christian, active in church work, particularly interested in the Sunday school.

He was very charitable and generous, giving in an unostentatious way a large amount to the support of churches, schools, hospitals and all good causes. He was well known throughout Western Pennsylvania and was particularly fond of young people. He belonged to many business and social organizations, all of which in most beautiful words testified to their high appreciation of his worth, in resolutions of respect and condolence after his death. His funeral was largely attended, the sermon preached on that occasion being yet preserved. The steamers on the river carried their flags at half-mast and on the day of his funeral the schools and business houses of Elizabeth were closed and all united in showing the token of love and respect to their long time neighbor and friend.

Although denied even the ordinary advantages of early education, Mr. O'Neil overcame that handicap by self-study and a lifelong course of the best reading. His strong natural intellectual ability was thus developed and few men were better informed than he.

Mr. O'Neil married, October 25, 1860, Harriet R. Stevenson, born in Western Pennsylvania, August 27, 1839, daughter of John and Margaret (Morrow) Stevenson, born in Belfast, Ireland. John Stevenson was born

in 1770, his wife in 1790. They were married in Belfast and about one year later came to the United States, locating near Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, spending there and at Latrobe, in the same county, the years intervening until 1861, when John Stevenson died, his wife surviving him until 1873. He was a linen weaver, learning his trade in the great Belfast mills. He continued in the same business in this country and operated a large bleachery in connection with his mill, employing many men, some of them having come with him from Ireland. Two of his brothers, James and Francis, accompanied him from the Irish home, all sons of John and Isabella (Barefoot) Stevenson. His sister Ann also came with him and married a Mr. McWright, of Youngstown. Descendants of these are numerous in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

John and Margaret (Morrow) Stevenson had twelve children, three dying at birth, unnamed. 1. John, died near Greensberg, a farmer. 2. Agnes, married Joseph Case, and died in Kansas. 3. Isabel, married John Blakeley, and died in McKeesport. 4. James, died young. 5. William, died young. 6. Hester Ann, died aged twenty years. 7. Margaret, married Colonel James Trimble, a distinguished officer of the Civil War, and died in McKeesport. 8. Eliza, deceased. 9. Harriet R., who was born August 27, 1839, her father aged seventy and her mother aged fifty.

She was educated in the public schools of McKeesport, her early life being largely spent in that town, where she lived with her uncle. In 1860 she married John Nixon O'Neil, whom she survives, continuing her residence in the brick mansion erected by her husband at Elizabeth, overlooking town, river and valley. She is an exceedingly well read and informed lady and in her beautiful home indulges her tastes to the full. Her favorite fad, if fad it can be called, is her large and interesting collection of Indian-made baskets from many tribes in many localities. Children: 1. Virginia, married Richard Wiley, and died at Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, leaving one child. 2. James, died at age seventeen years. 3. Margaret, married Samuel Luccock, whom she survives, now residing with her mother, Mrs. O'Neil. 4. Elizabeth, married Harry Christy, and died in Pittsburgh. 5. Dora, married George Roda.

MITZEL

The Mitzel family has been identified with the industrial interests of the state of Pennsylvania for many generations. Charles Mitzel, of Scotch ancestry, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, and was the owner of a grist mill there at an early date. He died in the county of his birth. He married Elizabeth Gibson, a descendant of an Irish family.

(II) William G. Mitzel, son of Charles and Elizabeth (Gibson) Mitzel, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, and is now living in Carroll county, Ohio. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Company C, Twenty-first Cavalry of Pennsylvania, and served until the close of the war. While he participated in many important engagements, he was never

wounded and never taken prisoner. He followed in his father's footsteps as a merchant miller, removing to Canton, Stark county, Ohio, in 1877, where he followed the same occupation, until he retired from business in 1910 and removed to Carroll county. He married Amanda Bortner, also a native of York county, Pennsylvania, who died at the age of forty-three years. They had children: Mary E., Howard, Albert, of further mention; Ammon, Charles, Frank, Wesley, Minnie, Sadie, Clarence, and four others who died young.

(III) Albert Mitzel, son of William G. and Amanda (Bortner) Mitzel, was born in York, York county, Pennsylvania, February 13, 1869. He was a young child when his parents removed to Ohio, and he acquired his education in the public schools of that state. He then engaged in the milling trade with his father, but in 1891 entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Massillon, Ohio, becoming station baggage master there. After 1896 he was given charge of small agencies in various places. June 15, 1905, he assumed these duties at Leetsdale, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and has been the agent there since that time. He has been a member of the school board six years, and has still four years of his term to serve. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he and his family attend the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Mitzel married, January 6, 1891, Mary Bamberger, of Massillon, Ohio, and they have had children: Evelyn, Luella and Irene, all living with their parents.

HODGSON

Industry and perseverance are the essential attributes in a successful career, and these traits of character were fully developed in the late Pearson Hodgson, for many years an active and enterprising citizen of Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania.

William Hodgson, father of Pearson Hodgson, was born in England, died in early life, leaving a number of young children, and although his widow was left without means she kept the family together, and by industry and thrift was enabled to rear them properly and to give them educational advantages, and to her great credit is due, as to so many others who are left in similar circumstances. For many generations back the members of the Hodgson family were noted for their prowess in hunting, and this trait descended in large degree to the late Pearson Hodgson.

Pearson Hodgson was born in Cumberland, England, obtained his education there and in Pennsylvania. Upon his arrival in this country he located at Six Mile Ferry, Pennsylvania, later came to Turtle Creek, and there worked in the coal mines for a number of years. In early life he apprenticed himself for four years to Mr. Michael Leonard, at Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, to learn the trade of blacksmith, and he was the first boy to serve the entire apprenticeship with Mr. Leonard, who was a very severe taskmaster, but this fact proved that the boy possessed a large amount of determination, which he displayed in his later life. He then worked as a journeyman at his trade for one year with the Excelsior Cab Company of Pittsburgh, after which he went to Braddock and worked at his trade until

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1881, when he took up his residence in Turtle Creek and established a blacksmith shop of his own on a small scale and operated the same up to the time of his decease, February 20, 1903, at the age of thirty-four, and his widow has since continued the management of the business under the name of Anna J. Hodgson. He was successful from the beginning, his patronage increasing steadily, making it necessary to greatly enlarge his facilities, and at the time of his death was the proprietor of one of the best equipped establishments of its kind in that section of the state. His political affiliation was with the Republican party, but he was independent in casting his vote, giving his preference to the candidate who in his opinion was best qualified for office. He took an active interest in local affairs and served as town councilman, performing the duties thereof in a creditable manner. He held membership in the Order of Free and Accepted Masons; Royal Arcanum, of which he was treasurer; Lodge No. 777, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he was treasurer; and the Master Horseshoers' Union, of which he was president. He and his family were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Mr. Hodgson married, November 3, 1891, Anna J. Herman, born in the Sixth Ward, Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Anna (Wagner) Herman, he born in Germany, and she in Old Salem, now Delmont, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. John Herman was a son of Christopher Herman, a native of Germany. John Herman served as a soldier during the Civil War, displaying his patriotism by enlisting his service in defense of his adopted country. His wife, Anna (Wagner) Herman, had a brother who served in the Revolutionary War. She was a daughter of John and Maria Wagner, the former named a native of Germany, and the latter named born in the vicinity of Old Salem, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. John Wagner emigrated to the United States and was first employed with the Economites, but later located at Old Salem, where he followed his trade of cooper, and there both he and his wife died. Mr. and Mrs. Herman were the parents of eleven children, namely: Maria Juda, born November 2, 1856, died November 18, 1856; Elizabeth Barbara, born August 18, 1861, living at the present time (1914); Christie Fredrick, born May 7, 1863, died May 12, 1896; John Ernest, born June 11, 1865, died January 30, 1880; Xavier, born February 23, 1867, living at present time; William John, born June 11, 1869, living at present time; Anna Josephine, born October 16, 1870, above mentioned as the wife of Mr. Hodgson; Maria Jane, born September 4, 1872, living at present time; George, born September 23, 1874, died same day; Martha Lydia, born October 30, 1875, died April 18, 1897; Emma Fredrick, born October 10, 1877, living at present time. Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson: Henry Herman, born February 13, 1893, in Allegheny City; Martha Lydia, born March 23, 1897; Mary Jane, born July 17, 1898, died September 24, 1898; Pearson Peel, born June 1, 1901, died January 18, 1910; William Christy, born August 31, 1902, died December 13, 1902.

MADDEN

In the case of the Madden family, native to Ireland, the order of immigration to the United States was directly reversed from that usually followed, the older generation following the younger to this land. Edward Madden was born in county Galway, Ireland, there grew to maturity, and in 1875 married, rearing his family in that land. As his children attained an independent age they left the homeland and sought other fields of endeavor, all coming to the United States, whither the parents also journeyed, settling in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he died in 1902, his wife's death following in two years. Both were members of the Roman Catholic church. Children of Edward and his wife, Margaret (Grecken) Madden: 1. Annie, married Peter Conners, and died in Garfield, Pennsylvania. 2. Peter, a resident of Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side), Pennsylvania. 3. Thomas, of whom further. 4. John, a plumber of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania. 5. Bridget, married James Hughes, and lives in Allegheny City. 6. Edward, died in childhood in Ireland.

Thomas Madden, son of Edward and Margaret (Grecken) Madden, was born in county Galway, Ireland, about 1859, and was there educated in the public schools until he was about thirteen years of age, when he came to the United States and made his home with his elder brother and sister in Pittsburgh. In this city he learned the trade of moulder and was so employed for twenty-three years, in 1909 establishing in independent business as a cement contractor in McKees Rocks, where he had resided for twenty years. This is the line he pursues at the present time in that locality with profitable results, employing from five to twenty men in different seasons, and has performed a great deal of work in his line, prosperity attending his operations. His political party is the Democratic, and he is a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, with his wife belonging to St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Madden married, in 1875, Mary, born in county Galway, Ireland, daughter of John Donohue, Father Lambing performing the marriage rites. Of their ten children three are living at the present time: 1. Katie, married Andrew McCain, and lives in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. 2. Clara, married Samuel Comfort, their home being in Pittsburgh. 3. Eva, married Frank Rate, and resides in McKees Rocks.

LEWIS

The English family of Lewis, connected in this line with the Welsh family of the same name, is one of which the records of the homeland speak frequently, and, did such records possess the privilege of speaking in other than terms of the merest fact, they would tell a story of absorbing interest, of devotion to country, of duty well and nobly performed, of lives lived in accordance to the dictates of right and conscience. To a woman must be attributed the courage and bravery that inspires venturesome deeds, under which head departure for a new home in a strange land surely comes, and it was a woman who brought her family to the United States, Harriet, widow of Alfred Lewis, of whom this record tells further.

(I) Thomas Lewis was a life-long resident of Usk, Monmouthshire, England, there pursuing his trade, that of tailor. He was a man of prominence in the place, and upon him rested the responsibility for so many of the town's institutions that, in dispatching the duties of his numerous positions, his business must have suffered. A local preacher of the Methodist Episcopal church, he collected in the locality sufficient funds for a house of worship, and personally superintended its erection, his body finding its last resting place in a vault under the chapel, a place accorded him in recognition of his valuable service to the church. He was for a time attached to the naval service of his country, and was with Lord Nelson just before that gallant officer met his death at the battle of Trafalgar, a short record of his authorship telling of his naval career. He was master of the Usk British school, and in 1816 received from his townsmen a handsomely bound prayer-book, a testimonial of their respect and regard, public acknowledgement of the debt owed him for his tireless interest in local affairs and institutions, and an indication of the friendly and cordial feeling that everywhere existed toward him. He married Jane McIntosh, who is buried in the church-yard at Usk. Children of Thomas and Jane (McIntosh) Lewis: 1. Sarah, married William Bennett, and died in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. 2. Maria, married John Cresse, who died in Usk, England. 3. Alfred, of whom further.

(II) Alfred Lewis, son of Thomas and Jane (McIntosh) Lewis, was born at Usk, Monmouthshire, England, in 1820, died in August, 1879. He grew to maturity in the place of his birth and there married, his occupation being that of his father, tailoring. He was for a time a member of the home guards of England, and held membership in the Ancient Order of Shepherds and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. After his death his widow brought her family to the United States, dying in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, in 1898. He married Harriet, born in Usk, Monmouthshire, England, in 1818, daughter of John Lewis, a blacksmith, who passed his entire life in Usk, England. The Lewis family is closely connected with the early history of mining and manufacturing in Wales, members of the family having been pioneers in developing the coal and iron lands of the country. Children of Alfred and Harriet (Lewis) Lewis: 1. John, died in infancy. 2. Alfred, died in infancy. 3. Jane, married Gideon Grimes, emigrating to the United States and dying in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. 4. Maria, married W. U. Smith, and resides in Los Angeles, California; she came to the United States when young and was reared by an aunt. 5. Mary, died aged twenty-two years, having emigrated to the United States. 6. Thomas W., of whom further. 7. Emma, married Albert Martin, and resides in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. 8. Annie, married Edward Lang, and died in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. 9. Harry, of whom further.

(III) Thomas Walsh Lewis, son of Alfred and Harriet (Lewis) Lewis, was born in Usk, Monmouthshire, England, December 1, 1855, and after obtaining his education in the public school of his native land came to the

United States in young manhood. Settling in Pittsburgh, he was for one year and one-half a house painter in the employ of Major Hope, then engaged in independent business in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, for a like period. On July 29, 1876, he sailed for England, intending to remain in that land for two years and then return to the United States. Entering the employ of Walter Hammond, a contracting painter, business opportunities too fortunate to be neglected detained him in his native country year after year, so that twenty-five years elapsed before he left the employ of the son of his first employer and once more came to the United States. He had married the daughter of his employer and after her father's death they moved to the United States, settling in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, in November, 1901. Mr. Lewis was for one year in the service of a Pittsburgh business man, in the spring of 1902 forming a partnership with J. B. Willetts, a connection that continued for three years. After the dissolution of this firm he was one of the organizers of the Carnegie Painting and Decorating Company, being associated therewith for three years, at the end of that time purchasing the business established at No. 139 Main street by Fred Schumacher. To this he has added several new lines, including paints and wall-paper, paper-hanging having become an important department of the business, and performs work over territory of considerable radius, frequently employing from ten to fifteen men in his operations. He is numbered among the substantial business men of Carnegie, and has been a director of the local Board of Trade, of which he is a member. Politically a Republican, he fraternizes with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Loyal Order of Moose.

He married, in September, 1881, Mary Ann Louisa Harriet, born in West Norwood, near London, England, daughter of Walter and Emily (Shingler) Hammond, her parents old residents of her birthplace, he a contracting painter, both he and his wife being buried in West Norwood, England. Children of Walter and Emily (Shingler) Hammond: 1. Emily, married William Tatnew, and died in England. 2. Mary Ann Louisa Harriet, of previous mention, married Thomas Walsh Lewis. 3. Frederick, died in infancy. 4. Clara, married William Tolhurst, a florist, and resides in Toronto, Canada. 5. William, a plumber of West Norwood, England. 6. Hinchman, succeeded his father in business. 7. Elizabeth, married (first) Joseph Wilson, (second) Perry Hodge, and resides in Niagara Falls, New York. 8. Maude, married Harry N. James, a commercial traveler, and lives in Florida. 9. Arthur, engaged in the insurance business, lives in Australia. 10. Horace, died aged fourteen years.

(III) Harry Lewis, son of Alfred and Harriet (Lewis) Lewis, was born in Usk, Monmouthshire, England, November 14, 1862, and until he was fourteen years of age was a student in the public schools, then learned the harness and saddle making trades. Coming to the United States with his mother when eighteen years of age, he settled in Pittsburgh, where, not finding employment at the trade of which he was master, he apprenticed himself to a contractor, W. J. McMasters, with whom he remained for two years. In 1883 he located in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, and after being em-

ployed in contracting work until 1890, part of the time as foreman, in that year formed a partnership with I. N. DuShane, operating as DuShane & Lewis, general contractors. This business, begun as a local venture, has developed and grown in a most gratifying manner, and the firm maintains a force of from fifteen to twenty men, working in Carnegie and neighboring towns. Among the buildings that have been erected by DuShane & Lewis are the Carnegie Library, in Carnegie, Pennsylvania; the First United Presbyterian Church, of the same place; St. Philip's Roman Catholic Church. at Crafton; the plant of the American Axe and Tool Company, at Glassport, Pennsylvania; the Independent Brewery, in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, and numerous other structures of a public and quasi-public nature, as well as large numbers of dwelling houses. In 1902 Mr. DuShane and Mr. Lewis organized the Carnegie Mill and Lumber Company, the former gentleman president, the latter secretary and treasurer, this concern still continuing in active and successful business. Politically Mr. Lewis is identified with no organization or party, but is in hearty sympathy with the cause of Prohibition. He has served as a member of the Carnegie Board of Trade. With his wife he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and belongs to Centennial Lodge, No. 544, Free and Accepted Masons, and the Sons of St. George.

He married, November 19, 1891, Maria Ellen, born in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, daughter of Henry Bell, an old resident of Carnegie. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis: Jane Alene, Harry, Jr., employed by his father, Mary Bell, Wilfred Frank, Stanley Galbraith.

HARGER

This is an old Dutch family, the first generation in the United States uniting his line with an Irish family of equal antiquity, this effected by the marriage of Peter Harger, his wife, Catherine, being of Irish birth and ancestry. Peter Harger was born in Holland, in 1800 emigrating to the United States and locating in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he married. He obtained land from the government and followed the farmer's occupation until his death, being involved in the internal disturbance known historically as the "Whiskey Rebellion." His wife was born in Ireland, accompanying her parents to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Children of Peter and Catherine Harger: Peter, Jr., George, of whom further, Milton, John, Catherine, William.

(II) George Harger, son of Peter and Catherine Harger, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, died in that state. He was educated in his native county, directing his studies with a view toward a legal career, and with three of his brothers, Peter, John and William, was admitted to the bar, although he never engaged in practice to any considerable extent. Becoming the owner of a farm, he cultivated this land and also became a skilled millwright, later erected a mill upon his property and operated it until his death. His farm was seventy-five acres in extent and this, in connection with his work as proprietor of a mill, made his daily life a busy one. He married Catherine, born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Andrew and

Elizabeth Holmes, her parents of Scotch birth and ancestry, who came to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he was a farmer, and after half a century of residence in that place moved to Washington county, Pennsylvania. Children of Andrew and Elizabeth Holmes: Enoch, William, Hiram, Daniel, Nancy, Fannie, Catherine, of previous mention, married George Harger, and Eleanor. Children of George and Catherine (Holmes) Harger: Mary, Harriett, Sarah, Emily, Louisa, Francis, Nancy, Edwin, Holmes, of whom further, Milton, George and William M. Milton and Peter, uncles of Holmes Harger, were river pilots who, after floating vessels down the Mississippi river to New Orleans, there purchased mules and rode them to their starting point.

(III) Holmes Harger, son of George and Catherine (Holmes) Harger, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 16, 1840, and was educated in the public schools of Snowden township, when fifteen years old running away from home and obtaining employment on the river as a deckhand on coal barges. "Floating" was the method of navigation employed at that early date, and after floating the canal he performed work of the same nature on the river, when twenty years of age piloting a couple of coal boats to New Orleans, the youngest pilot to make that lengthy trip. Through the many changes in manner of navigation and in power employed he followed the river until 1913, when he retired from active life, at that time having owned seven different steam propelled vessels. At the time of the Civil War he enlisted in the northern service, soon afterward being designated by the government for service on the river in piloting boats in the government service. For five years after his marriage he was a resident of New Cumberland, Ohio, then moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and for the past sixteen years has been a resident of Avalon, Pennsylvania. At the time of Pittsburgh's Centennial Exposition Mr. Harger prepared a scene for the water parade entitled "Floating in 1856," which was, in point of realism and effect, one of the best of the entire celebration, exact attention to detail having been paid by Mr. Harger, upon whose memory those former scenes are lastingly painted. In political opinion he has ever been a staunch Republican. He married, in 1860, Rachel Chambers, and has children: Josephine, George, Holmes Elsworth, of whom further, John W., Ellen W.

(IV) Holmes Elsworth Harger, son of Holmes and Rachel (Chambers) Harger, was born in Pittsburgh South Side, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, September 8, 1864, and was educated in the public schools of that place, at the age of fourteen years abandoning his studies to begin river work, and before he attained his majority held a pilot's license, a record equalling that of his father. Soon after he became captain of a vessel in the service of the McKinley Coal Company, remaining in that employ for ten years, then spending nine years in the same capacity with the United Coal Company, three years with W. H. Flint, and two years with the River Coal Company. Captain Harger has been in command of boats of all descriptions, and for fewness of accidents and reliability in time his record is unsurpassed on the waters that he has traversed. Well-known along the river, he is liked wherever known,

his many amiable qualities winning him a large circle of friends. He holds membership in the Masonic Order, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Order of Independent Americans, and the Pilots' Association. Reared in the Methodist Episcopal church, he now belongs to the Christian church, in the work of which he has ever been active, and is a member of the men's Bible class connected with that organization. Mr. Harger built his present house in Avalon, Pennsylvania, in 1902.

He married, August 2, 1883, Hester A. Weaver; children: Harry, died in infancy; Kirk P., a salesman of Pittsburgh; Pearl, married Harry Feick, a bank cashier; George, a drug clerk, resides at home; Fallie McKinley, lives at home.

CUNNINGHAM

Among the men whose personal exertions have done so much toward the material prosperity of Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, it may be well doubted if any deserve a more honorable mention than Robert H. Cunningham, senior member of the firm of R. H. Cunningham & Sons, general contractors.

John Cunningham, father of Robert H. Cunningham, was a native of Ireland, where he spent the greater part of his life, receiving his education in the common school, learning the trade of weaver, and there married Martha Ackison, also a native of Ireland, and in 1829 they emigrated to the United States, residing for a time in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. From there they removed to the vicinity of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Cunningham worked at his trade of weaver, and was also a teamster and farmer, continuing these pursuits until his death, which occurred in Pittsburgh about the year 1877. He and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church. They were the parents of five sons and one daughter, one of the sons actively participating in the Civil War.

Robert H. Cunningham was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1850. After completing his studies in the schools in the neighborhood of his home, he gave his attention to the tilling of the soil, in which pursuit he was successful, he having been well trained during his youth by assisting his father in the work on the home farm, and he continued along the same line until the year 1886, when he removed to Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, and engaged in the general contracting business, which he has conducted up to the present time (1914) it being now run under the style of R. H. Cunningham & Sons. His business is in a prosperous condition, owing to the fact that he gives to it his personal supervision, that he is progressive in his ideas and honorable in his methods, and he ranks among the substantial business men of his section. In 1896 he erected a fine brick residence in Turtle Creek, where he has since made his home. He casts his vote for the candidates of the Republican party.

Mr. Cunningham married (first) March 10, 1874, Mary Catherine Whitesell, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Yockey) Whitesell. Children: James S., Martha Bertha, Elizabeth Whitesell, Robert J., Wilda Irene, William L. Mrs. Cunningham died May 20, 1891. Mr. Cunningham married

(second) April 12, 1893, Lydia R. Long, born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Michael and Magdalene (Reeger) Long, natives of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and granddaughter on the paternal side of Philip and Elizabeth (Best) Long, of Eastern Pennsylvania, early settlers of Westmoreland county, and on the maternal side of John and Phoebe (Byerly) Reeger, also early settlers of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Michael Long was a farmer by occupation, as also his father and Mr. Reeger, and they were active members of the Reformed church. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham are well known in the social life of the community, in which they take a keen interest, and he is also an active factor in the various enterprises that are conducive to the growth and development of the section wherein he resides. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Turtle Creek.

LLOYD

Although coming to the United States from Wales, his residence for several years, David Lloyd, the American ancestor of his line, was of English birth and parentage, Wales, as the birthplace and home of his wife, having been made his home after his marriage until his immigration to the United States. David was a son of John Lloyd, born in England, where he died. His trade was that of blacksmith, and for many years he was a dock-yard employee. He and his wife, Eleanor, were the parents of several children, two of whom came to the United States: 1. John, a coal miner, died in Kittanning, Pennsylvania. 2. David, of whom further.

(II) David, son of John and Eleanor Lloyd, was born in England, died in Pennsylvania, November 15, 1887, aged seventy-one years. At the age of seventeen he went to Wales, where he worked in the mines until 1849, in which year he immigrated to the United States, being joined the following year by his wife and two children. They settled on the present site of Hays borough, and in that locality he was a miner until approaching old age caused his adoption of a less wearing occupation and he purchased forty-six acres of land, a tract now occupied by Bellwood, where his death occurred. His political action was taken in favor of the Republican party, and he and his wife belonged to the Methodist Episcopal church, his wife surviving him five years, her death occurring in 1892, aged seventy-six years. He married Ann, born in Wales, daughter of William Watkeys, a native of South Wales, who, after the death of his wife, about 1853 came to the United States to join his children, his death occurring at the home of his daughter, Ann, at Six Miles Ferry, Pennsylvania. He was the father of a family, four children of whom came to the United States: 1. Ann, of previous mention, married David Lloyd. 2. Eleanor, married John Reese, and died at Six Mile Ferry, Pennsylvania. 3. David, from last report in 1901, in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania. 4. William, journeyed to California about 1851, returned to Pennsylvania and died in Homestead. Children of David and Ann (Watkeys) Lloyd: 1. Thomas, of whom further. 2. John, a retired steel worker, died in Homestead, Pennsylvania, aged fifty-eight years. 3.

David, died unmarried, aged twenty-eight. 4. William, for a time a coal miner and afterward a steel worker, died in Homestead, Pennsylvania, in 1912. 5. Mary Eleanor, died unmarried, aged twenty-five years. 6. Sarah Ann, married Harry Wilson, and died in Homestead, Pennsylvania, about 1890.

(III) Thomas, eldest son and child of David and Ann (Watkeys) Lloyd, was born in South Wales, August 10, 1843, and when seven years of age came to the United States, obtaining his early education in the common schools, as a youth entering the coal mines. After his marriage he took a course in Duff's Business College, continuing in mine labor until about 1872, when for eleven years he was employed in a glass house. He then entered the grocery business in Homestead, continuing in that line for about twelve years, after which he passed three years on the old homestead farm. Returning to Homestead he built an attractive and comfortable home on Eleventh avenue, and has there since lived retired. At the organization of the borough of Homestead he was a member of the first council, and was largely instrumental in the framing of the constitution and by-laws that govern that community. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, and the Royal Arcanum. His early political allegiance was granted the Republican party, but of late years he has been a sturdy supporter of the Prohibition movement. Mr. Lloyd has been the witness of long forward strides in the development of the Pittsburgh region, for at the time of his coming to that locality no railroad line extended west of Pittsburgh, and the country gave but few indications of becoming the great industrial center that it now is. Mrs. Lloyd has also seen these changes, and well remembers picking blackberries where now stand the mills and residences of Homestead. As a youth Mr. Lloyd enlisted in the Union army and was accepted at the recruiting station, but before he had left for the front his parents compelled his withdrawal because of his boyish years.

Mr. Lloyd married, in 1863, Jeannetta, born near Beck's Run, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 11, 1847, daughter of Thomas and Margaret (Morgan) Woozley, her parents natives of Wales, her father born about 1812, her mother about 1815. After their marriage in that land they came to the United States, settling in Chartiers Valley, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, about 1845. He was at first employed in the coal mines, later moving to Hays borough, where he was placed in charge of some railroad construction and where both died, he in 1850, she in 1866. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd in 1913 celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. Their union has been a most happy one, she his ready helper in all things, his inspiration in all of his works, and together they have reared a family the pride of both and to both a credit. Their children: 1. David T., a steel worker, lives at home. 2. William Charles, died aged eleven years. 3. John Wesley, died in infancy. 4. Margaret Ann, married Clark S. Lessig, and resides in Munhall, Pennsylvania. 5. Howard Ellsworth, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, lives in Springdale, Pennsylvania. 6. Elizabeth

Mabel, died aged eight years. 7. Edwin Winfield, died aged five years. 8. Clara Beatrice, married Herbert G. Bennett, a druggist, and lives in Homestead, Pennsylvania.

JONES

James W. Jones is a member of a representative Welsh family, of the type which makes valuable citizens wherever they may be, and which, though they have not come to the United States in the great numbers in which many peoples have reached these shores, have yet contributed a leaven of their own peculiar virtues to the cosmopolitan citizenship of the country. His paternal grandfather was James Jones, a native of Wales who passed all his life in the land of his birth. He was a teamster who worked about the steel mills of Monmouthshire, and the parent of three children—John, the father of our subject; James, who died in his youth, in Wales, and Mary Ann, who married Leyshon Clarke, a resident of Millsboro, England, where she died, and where her children are living at the present time.

John Jones, the father of our subject was born in Pembrokeshire in the year 1830. He grew up in his native region and became associated with a rolling mill in which he remained until the time of his death, which occurred when he was but forty-seven years of age. He was a conspicuous and popular figure in the community, and a good and charitable man as well as possessing great musical talent. He was a member of the Philharmonic Society of Rhymney, Monmouthshire, and organist in the Episcopal church there. He went from Pembrokeshire to Rhymney, Wales, almost on the border of England, and there met Mary Ann Powell, with whom he fell in love, and afterwards married. Miss Powell was a daughter of John and Mary Powell, natives of Breconshire, where their daughter was born November 9, 1837. Mr. Powell was a stone mason by trade and to him and his wife were born seven children, as follows: Henry, who went to Australia and there died in 1907; John, who came to America and died in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; David, who spent his entire life in Wales, finally dying at the town of Penarth; William, who became a resident of London, and died there; Annie, who became Mrs. James Lewis, and in 1856, came with her husband to the United States and made her home in Poughkeepsie, New York, and died April 15, 1914, and is buried in Freeland, Pennsylvania; Margaret, who died single in Australia; and Mary Ann, the mother of our subject. The marriage of Mr. Jones and Miss Powell took place in 1858, and of the union there were born three children, as follows: John Henry, who came to the United States in 1893 and is now a resident of Homestead, Pennsylvania, where he is a music teacher and where he married Miss Joan Davis and by her had five children; James W. Jones, the subject of this sketch; and Mary Ann, who, coming to America in 1887, married Arthur Lewis and is now the mother of his four children. After the death of her husband Mrs. John Jones came to the United States in 1887, with her daughter, for the purpose of joining her son, Mr. James W. Jones. Her death occurred in Steubenville, Ohio, February 28, 1906, but she was buried in Homestead, Pennsylvania.

James W. Jones, second child of John and Mary Ann (Powell) Jones, was born June 6, 1863, in Rhymney, Monmouthshire, Wales, and was educated in the local common schools, attending these until he reached the age of nine years. He then secured employment in the steel mills, and after five years of this work, applied himself with customary energy and intelligence to mastering the bricklaying trade. He turned his efforts to such good account that in two years he had become proficient with his tools and was able to sail for America, where he intended to put his ability to practical use. His coming to the United States was in the year 1886, and immediately upon arriving he went to Pennsylvania and took up his abode in Homestead, Allegheny county, in that state. One year later he was followed by his mother and sister, who came over to join him. In Homestead he first turned his attention to the great steel industry then in process of its gigantic development, and soon secured a position with the Carnegie Steel Works, with which concern he continued for thirteen years. At the end of that period he found himself in a position to engage in business for himself, and accordingly embarked upon a venture which he had long in contemplation, a contracting business in brick construction and cement work. In this venture his native capacity and prudence, and not less his scrupulous adherence to his word and the spirit of the contract, made him speedily successful, and he is still conducting his prosperous business today, being recognized as one of the oldest contractors in the city of Homestead. Mr. Jones is a man of substance and a very prominent figure in the community of which he is a member. He takes an active part in the life of Homestead in all its various aspects, and nothing of value to the city escapes his notice or fails to receive his hearty support. He is a member of the Republican party and takes a keen and intelligent interest in all political questions, whether of local of national application. He is a member of the Masons and of the Veteran Masons, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Elks, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and of the Protected Home Circle. Some time ago Mr. Jones built himself a handsome residence of buff brick on Margaret street, Munhall, as well as another house in the immediate vicinity.

Mr. Jones was married, March 3, 1891, to Miss Ellen A. Morris, also a native of Wales. Mrs. Jones is the daughter of David and Mary (Jones) Morris. Both Mr. and Mrs. Morris were born in Wales, and there the latter died. The father and daughter then came to America in the year 1880, Mr. Morris finally dying in Ambridge, Pennsylvania, and now lies buried in Columbiana, Ohio. The maternal grandparents of Miss Morris were John and Mary Jones. They lived in the United States for many years and died in Homestead, Pennsylvania, and were there buried. They had three children, two sons and a daughter, John, William and Mary. Both the sons lived their lives in Pennsylvania, but the daughter returned to Wales as the wife of Mr. Morris, little knowing that her daughter would in turn find her way back to Homestead.

To Mr. and Mrs. James W. Jones have been born five children, as

follows: Minnie, now a teacher in the Homestead public schools, and living at home with her parents; Adelaide, now Mrs. John Jones, of Homestead, Pennsylvania; Arthur, who lives with his parents at home; Agnes, who died at the age of seven years; and Dorothy, living at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Episcopal church, and their children have been reared in that faith.

LAIRD

Charles Philip Laird is a member of a family of partly Scotch and partly Irish parentage, and representative of the best types of both peoples, who contributed so largely in the early days of American colonizaton to the formation of that basic population, the foundation upon which all the subsequent immigration, vast and diversified as it has been, has been erected into the great and complex edifice of American citizenship in safety. To the splendid staying qualities of the Germanic and Anglo Saxon stocks, they superadded the poetry, the fire and inspiration of the Celtic race, a leaven which has had its characteristic effect in the development of the American people up to the present. His paternal grandfather was William Laird, a native of Huntington county, Pennsylvania, but of Scotch parentage, who passed his childhood and youth in the region of his birth during the rough pioneer days, taking those first, most difficult steps, upon which the whole of the great subsequent development of the region depended. He was a charcoal burner by trade, plying his trade around the old forges, the remains of which are still to be seen through the countryside. His trade was successful and, with industry and thrift, he was eventually able to lay up enough money to buy himself a farm, which he operated successfully. This property stood in Cromwell township, and upon it he spent the last years of his life and finally died there in 1885. He was married to Miss Bridgett Malloy, also a native of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, where she was born in 1810. She survived her husband until the year 1902, when she died at the age of ninety-two years. They were both buried in Huntingdon county. He was a Democrat in politics, and they were both members of the Roman Catholic church. To them were born a large family of children, six of whom grew to maturity. They were: Dominick, the father of our subject; Charles, who now resides on the old Laird homestead, where he is a farmer; Elizabeth, now the widow of James Repper and a resident of Orbisonia, Pennsylvania; Matilda, who became Mrs. John Speck of Burnt Cabins, Fulton county, Pennsylvania; Mary, who became Mrs. John Piper of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania; and Exile, who married George Trexler, a resident of the state of Ohio.

Dominick Laird, the father of our subject, was born March 29, 1850, in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. He became a miner in his youth and worked in the great coalfields in the midst of which his birthplace is situated, but at the time of the oil excitement, went to Armstrong county as a tool dresser. He later returned to Huntingdon county and continued his mining until the year 1891, when he removed to Homestead, Pennsylvania,

where he has made his home ever since. Upon arriving at Homestead he secured employment with the Carnegie Steel Works, and remained in that service for a period of ten years. In the mean time he had become well known and popular in his adopted town, and in 1901 was made chief of police of West Homestead, a position which he held until 1912. He is a member of the Democratic party, and has taken an active part in local politics. During the time of the oil excitement, while Mr. Laird, Sr., was in Armstrong county, he met there Miss Mary Cullion, a daughter of Patrick and Susan (Freel) Cullion. Mr. and Mrs. Cullion were natives of Ireland, who had come to America while single and settled in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, and were there married. He was a coal miner all his life, and owned his own home at Leechburg, Pennsylvania. He and his whole family were all members of the Catholic church. To him and his wife were born seven children, as follows: Mary, the mother of our subject; Sarah, who died single in youth; Bridgett, now the widow of James Stroup and a resident of Leechburg, Pennsylvania; Nellie, a resident of Allegheny, Pennsylvania; Catherine, who lives with her sister Nellie; Joseph, a barber and resident of Goldfield, Nevada; and Daniel, a steel worker of Pittsburgh. To Miss Mary Cullion Mr. Laird was married in Kittanning, Pennsylvania, and he afterwards took his bride back to Huntingdon county with him at the time he returned to the coalfields. Mr. and Mrs. Dominick Laird are still residents of Homestead, where they attend the Roman Catholic church. They were the parents of thirteen children, as follows: Charles Philip, the subject of this sketch; Victor, a machinist of West Homestead; Mabel, now Mrs. Joseph Leech, of Homestead; Susan, now Mrs. Nicholas Ackerman, of Homestead; Minnie, a trained nurse who lives at home with her parents; Florence, also a trained nurse with the same residence; Exile, a school teacher in the Allegheny County Industrial School; Catherine, now Mrs. Edward O'Donnell, of Pittsburgh; Dominick, who died when but six years of age; Frank, a steel worker and a resident of Pittsburgh; John, a chauffeur for the Homestead Steel Works; Joseph, who died in infancy; and Lawrence, a machinist, who resides at home with his parents.

Charles Philip Laird, the eldest son of Dominick and Mary (Cullion) Laird, was born March 30, 1875, in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. The conditions surrounding his childhood were such that he was obliged to go to work at a very early age; so early, indeed, that he was never able to attend school. When only eight years old he found employment on a farm and continued at this work until he was twelve. He then secured a position in the iron mines and, in 1891, came with his father to Homestead, where he has ever since resided. Like his father, he entered the employ of the Carnegie Steel Works, and is still with that concern, having risen to a position of responsibility. He began as a hand in the mechanical department and by dint of ability, and conscientious effort has raised himself through many ranks. After a year he was promoted to be a bottom maker on the heating furnaces, at which work he stayed for seven years, he then became a heater for six years, then a steel roller for one year, and then, in recogni-

tion of his faithful, able service, was made night superintendent of the plate mills, an office which he held for six years, and finally, in 1913, was given the superintendency of the forty-eight inch plate mills, his present office. The duties of this responsible capacity involves the overseeing of about two hundred and sixty men on the average, in the performance of some of the most difficult tasks in the steel mills. Mr. Laird has not, however, confined his energies to the pursuit of his private business, but, on the contrary, has given generously of them to many aspects of the city life, and has taken a vital interest in all that promised to contribute to the welfare of the community. He has been particularly interested in local politics on the Republican side of the fence, and has been twice elected to the council of West Homestead on that party's ticket, and during both terms has given the highest kind of satisfaction to his constituents. He also occupies a conspicuous place in the social and fraternal life of his town, and is a member of Lodge, No. 650, B. P. O. E., and of the C. M. B. A. In the year 1900 Mr. Laird built for himself and family a substantial residence at No. 310 Walnut street, Homestead, and here he still dwells.

Mr. Laird was married, July 1, 1896, to Miss Margaret Cloonan, a native of Ireland, where she was born, a daughter of Martin and Margaret Cloonan, also natives of Ireland, in which country they lived and died. Miss Cloonan came to this country about 1890, and made her home in Homestead, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Laird have been born ten children, as follows: Dominick, who now works in the steel works at Homestead; William, a student in the Homestead high school; Matilda; Grace; Helen, and who died at the age of four and a half years; Mabel; Gerald; Mary; Olga and Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Laird are both members of the Roman Catholic church, and in that faith are rearing their children. They attend the Church of St. Mary Magdalen, of that denomination.

FOWLER

The name of Fowler is a very ancient one, and can be traced back through many centuries in Scotland and England. In days when men were taking surnames, those of many were indicated by their occupations. Among these was the bird hunter or fowler.

(I) Henry Fowler was born in county Midlothian, near Edinburgh, Scotland, and followed the occupation of mining coal, although his father had been a farmer. Later he removed to Lanarkshire, Scotland, and there his death occurred. He married Jane Carr, and had children, all of whom lived and died in Scotland: William, Alexander, Henry, John, of further mention; Joseph, Mary. He and his wife were of the Presbyterian faith.

(II) John, son of Henry and Jane (Carr) Fowler, was born in Lanarkshire, Scotland, in 1814, and died in 1865. After his marriage he removed to Stirlingshire, and was engaged in contract work, opening mines and shafts, etc. He was a Whig politically, and active in local matters. He married Isabella Gray, born in Lanarkshire in 1818, died in Wilkinsburg,

Pennsylvania, at the home of her son, Thomas. She outlived her husband and, about 1888, came to America. They had eleven children, of whom nine attained maturity: Mary, widow of Robert Archibald, lives in Scotland; James, a coal miner in Scotland; John, of further mention; Archibald, died in young manhood; Jane, widow of John Bell, lives in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania; William, a foreman, lives in Wilkinsburg; Alexander, a miner, lives in Scotland; Isabella, married James Craig, and lives in Scotland; Thomas, a miner, living in Wilkinsburg.

Mrs. Fowler was a daughter of James and Mary (Lang) Gray, who were old residents of Lanarkshire, Scotland, and in later life removed to Stirlingshire, where he followed his occupation of coal mining, and died there. They had at least four children, and possibly more: James, Archibald, Mary, Isabella, mentioned above.

(III) John, son of John and Isabella (Gray) Fowler, was born in Stirlingshire, Scotland, May 29, 1850. He attended the public day schools in his native land until he was nine years of age, when he commenced working in the coal mines, and after that attended the night schools. When he commenced working in the mines he earned twelve cents a day, gradually increasing this amount, but forseeing no great opportunity for advancement in his native land, he emigrated to America at the age of twenty-two years. He settled at Wilkinsburg, where he was engaged in coal mining for a period of six months, then returned to Scotland, where he remained four years. Again coming to America, he again located in Wilkinsburg, and worked in the mines five years. Having found employment in the Edgar Thompson Steel Works, at Braddock, he removed to that town, and remained with this concern twenty-six years, retiring at the age of sixty years, and continued to live in Braddock. In 1901 he purchased a half acre of land, in Swissvale, on which was a good house, and owns other property in Braddock. He is a member of the Presbyterian faith, as also was his wife; and fraternally he is a member of: Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Knights and Ladies of Honor, Knights of the Maccabees, and the Order of Ben Hur.

Mr. Fowler married, in Scotland, September 1, 1871, Katherine, born in Ayrshire, Scotland, a daughter of Robert and Bethia (Whitelaw) McEwen, who spent their lives in Scotland, where he was a farmer. Four children were born in Scotland, and five in this country, as follows: Bertha, married William McCune, and lives at Hawkins Station, near Braddock; Isabella, married William King, and lives at Lincoln Place; John Jr., a boss roller, lives in North Braddock; Robert and James, roll turners, live at Swissvale; William, a roll turner, living at Braddock; Jennie, married Harry Oakley, lives at Swissvale; Katherine, married Harry Heffner, lives in Swissvale; Harry, unmarried, a roll turner, lives with his parents. Mr. Fowler gives his political support to the Republican party. Mrs. Fowler died June 20, 1914, aged sixty-two years.

DOUGLASS

A descendant of the ancient and powerful Douglass clan of Scotland, Elisha P. Douglass, of Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, traces his American ancestry to Robert Douglass, who crossed the mountains from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, the family settling in Raccoon Creek, near Burgettstown, Washington county. This change of residence is believed to have been accomplished about the close of the American Revolution. Robert Douglass married Isabella Orr, who is believed to have been of Rostraver township, Westmoreland county. He died about 1794, leaving a widow and seven sons, the youngest a posthumous child. Shortly after the death of her husband, Mrs. Douglass with her seven sons left Washington county and moved to Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, settling on a farm about one-half mile away from the village of Greenock. This farm was later known as the Kelly farm, and there Isabella Orr Douglass lived to be ninety-four years of age, dying about 1849. She is buried at Round Hill, Elizabeth township. Robert Douglass was buried in the Raccoon Creek graveyard. Children: 1. Thomas, married Margaret Crawford; children: Rebecca, married William Crawford; Robert; Colonel William; Isabelle, died aged thirteen years; John J.; Maria, married Washington Waddell; Sydney J., and James, all of whom married except Sydney Jane, who died quite aged. 2. Robert (2), married and had issue: Margaret, unmarried; Robert (3), married a Miss Weimer and lived near West Newton, Pennsylvania; John, married a Miss Fulton and lived at Latrobe; William, married Mary Smith and lived at Mt. Pleasant; Isabella, unmarried, lived at West Newton, and died about 1913. 3. James, of further mention. 4. Andrew, married Elizabeth Fletcher, and became a farmer of Butler county, Pennsylvania; he also lived for a few years at West Newton, Pennsylvania, removing thence to Michigan, thence to the state of Iowa, where he died about 1887, aged eighty-two years. His wife died about 1893, aged ninety years. Children: Robert, married Jane Patterson; Mary, married Thomas Wakeman; Margaret, married James Bowman; John married Ophelia Oldman; Isabella, married a Mr. Oldham, and died two months after her marriage; William, married a Miss Wallace and moved to Topeka, Kansas, and died there about two years ago; Lizzie, married William Donnell, and moved to Topeka, Kansas; Catherine, married James Donnell; James, married a Miss Culbertson. 5. John, died unmarried, in middle life. 6. Samuel, died aged about fifty years, unmarried. 7. William, died unmarried, a very old man, a soldier of the War of 1812. These three brothers all lived in Elizabeth township, and are there buried.

(II) James Douglass was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1790, died in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, in 1874. He came with his widowed mother and his six brothers to Elizabeth township, about a year after the death of his father, Robert Douglass, and there grew to manhood, married, and always lived a farmer. After his marriage he lived on the old Drennan homestead until his death. He married Mary Ellen, daughter of John and Margaret Drennan. The Drennans located

at the Forks of the Yough in Elizabeth township, prior to the Revolution, about one mile from New Douglass station, on the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad. John Drennan died in the year 1800, and was buried in Round Hill Cemetery. On his tombstone is engraved: "Within this small lot lie the remains of seven small children of the decedent." Margaret, his widow, survived him forty years. They had six other children who grew to mature years. James and Mary Ellen (Drennan) Douglas had children: 1. Robert, married Clarissa Warne, and had issue: Dr. James Harvey, who recently died at Eldred, McKean county, Pennsylvania; Mary Susanna, died unmarried; Stephen W., who moved to Oklahoma; John, of Coffeyville, Kansas; Melissa D., married Joel Warne, of Winlock, Washington. 2. John, died February 6, 1892; he married Sarah McKinley, and left an only child, John D., a member of the Allegheny bar and late assistant district attorney; he married Sue J. Cowan, and had an adopted son, Ralph E., who died November 28, 1914. 3. Thomas, of further mention. 4. Mary Ellen, married William Caldwell, and had issue: James Ebenezer, John, Belle, Mary, William, Lizzie, Annie. 5. David, married Sarah Smock and had issue; John P., married Minerva McGrew, and lives at Fresno, California; Laura, married James Latimer, lives at West Newton, Pennsylvania; William, died in childhood. 6. William, married Elizabeth Rogers, and had issue: Ella Bell, married John Billick, of Elizabeth township; Catherine, now living in Elizabeth township, unmarried; Philip D., married Fannie Douglass, a second cousin, and resides in Elizabeth township; children: Clyde, Olive, Mary, Philip, Harry, Helen, Rose Ella, John and three who died young; Annie, married Victor Culbert, of Elizabeth township; Elizabeth, married William McFadden. 7. James (2), died about 1885, unmarried. 8. Isabella, died in childhood. All of these children of James and Mary Douglass were farmers, as were their forebears and most of their descendants, there being but two or three exceptions.

(III) Thomas, third son of James and Mary Ellen (Drennan) Douglass, was born in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 18, 1822, and there passed his life, a prosperous farmer. He died June 6, 1896. He married Lydia C. Peairs, of Dutch ancestry, daughter of Elisha and Sarah (Wycoff) Peairs, and granddaughter of Joseph Peairs, who purchased his farm in Elizabeth township from the state of Pennsylvania in 1778, and there lived with his wife and family until his death in 1808. The old Peairs farm adjoins the Old Round Hill church, the ground occupied by that church and by Round Hill Cemetery having been originally a part of the Peairs farm. Joseph Peairs left sons Elisha, David, John, Joseph, Allen, William and Isaac; all of these sons except Elisha moved to the state of Ohio in early days, five settling near Zanesville, and one, William, in Morgan county. They all left large families and descendants are found all over the west. He also left three daughters: Nancy, married William Fulton, lived in Westmoreland county, leaving children: Robert William and Nancy, the latter unmarried, died in Keokuk, Iowa. Another daughter, Susan, married John Wychoff; and the third daughter, Mary, married John

Plummer. Nancy Peairs, many years after the death of her husband, William Fulton, moved with her son, Robert Fulton, and his family to Warsaw, Illinois, not far from Keokuk, Iowa, where her son William had previously located. She died in Warsaw, aged over ninety years. Robert Fulton, her son, left a large family. One of his sons is a Presbyterian minister; another, William J. Fulton, is now a lawyer of the Keokuk bar. Elisha, eldest son of Joseph Peairs, inherited the Peairs homestead in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, and there lived until death. He married Sarah Wycoff and had nine children, eight growing to mature years. Lydia C., youngest child of Elisha and Sarah (Wycoff) Peairs, was born March 22, 1830, died April 6, 1912; she survived all her brothers and sisters and attained a greater age than any of them, eighty-two years. Children of Thomas and Lydia C. (Peairs) Douglass: 1. Elisha P., of whom further. 2. Mary E., now residing in McKeesport, unmarried. 3. Sarah J., married J. B. Billick, and resides in Elizabeth township; children: Thomas D., Clyde, Fergus, Earl and Catherine, all married and residing in Elizabeth township. 4. David P., married Annie M. Barron, and lives on the old Thomas Douglass homestead in Elizabeth township; he has a son Elisha Barron. 5. James D., died 1866, aged five years.

(IV) Elisha P., eldest son of Thomas and Lydia C. (Peairs) Douglass, was born at the Douglass homestead in Elizabeth township. He is a graduate of the University of Wooster, class of 1877, and for thirty-five years has been a practicing lawyer at the Allegheny county bar. He married Elvira P. Weddell, of Elizabeth township, and has two sons: 1. Howard Weddell, a graduate of Cornell University, class of 1904; married Virginia Van Kirk, of McKeesport, and has a son, Thomas Van Kirk. 2. Earl Leroy, a graduate of Princeton, class of 1913, now a student of Divinity at Union Theological Seminary, New York City. He married, September 4, 1913, Lois Haler, of Versailles township, Allegheny county.

Mr. Douglass resides in McKeesport and there conducts his legal practice. He is a member of the various legal societies and practices in all state and federal courts of the district. He is president of the McKeesport Title and Trust Company; also vice-president of the McKeesport Tin Plate Company. The family are members of the United Presbyterian church, Mr. Douglass serving at the present time (1914) as elder. He is also president of the board of trustees of McKeesport Hospital; president of the board of trustees of McKeesport Y. M. C. A., and also a member of the board of directors.

STERNER

Born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, of a sturdy race of German farmers, John Sterner grew to manhood in Elizabeth township and there married Hannah Weaver. After his marriage he settled in Westmoreland county, where he worked rented farms for a time. Later he bought a farm of ninety acres where he lived until his death, aged sixty-two years. His wife survived him, dying at the age of seventy years. He was a member of the Masonic order, and

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both he and his wife were members of the German Lutheran church. Children: 1. Adam, a farmer of Westmoreland county. 2. Daniel, a farmer on the homestead. 3. Levi, stable boss for a Westmoreland county mining company. 4. George, an Illinois coal miner. 5. Albert, an Iowa farmer. 6. John, deceased, a Westmoreland county farmer. 7. Cyrus, of further mention. 8. Harriet, married George Hart, of Westmoreland county. 9. Mary, married Caleb Curry, of Westmoreland county.

(II) Cyrus, son of John and Hannah (Weaver) Sterner, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, July 5, 1848. He was educated in the public schools near his home, and spent his early life on the farm, his father's assistant. On starting out as a wage earner he entered railroad employ, serving the Baltimore & Ohio for four years. He then began working for the Pennsylvania Gas Company in their coal mines, and for twenty years continued a miner. He then returned to the pursuit of his youth, farming, beginning on a rented farm in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, which he worked for nine years. In 1899 he moved to a farm of one hundred and three acres in the same township, which he had purchased. This farm he improved by the erection of a modern residence, also adding barns and other buildings, making the property with its fertile acres a highly desirable home. There he has since resided, engaged in general farming. The farm is underlaid with a rich coal vein, which he has opened and operates on a small scale. He is a Republican in politics, and for two years served as road commissioner. Mr. Sterner married, February 28, 1873, Susan Hart, born June 28, 1853, in Allegheny county, daughter of John and Cunigunde (Fick) Hart. Children: 1. Alice, died aged fifteen months. 2. Arthur, a resident of Elizabeth township. 3. Elmer, also resides nearby. 4. Lawrence, a farmer of Illinois. 5. Effie, married Charles Cadman, and lives near the home farm, a widow. 6. Calvin, residing at home. 7. Wilbert, twin with Calvin, died in infancy. 8. Hattie, married George Knight, and resides at Duquesne, Pennsylvania. 9. Mattie, twin with Hattie, resides at home. 10. Minnie, died aged three years. 11. Lily, resides at home.

John and Cunigunde Hart were both born in Germany, and many years after their marriage came to the United States, joining their eldest son in Western Pennsylvania. John Hart was a stone cutter, and preceded his wife to the grave. Children: 1. George, now residing in Connellsburg, Pennsylvania. 2. Barbara, married Michael Keck, and resides in West Newton. 3. Michael, killed in a mine disaster at age of twenty-one. 4. Jasper, now living in Pittsburgh. 5. Susan, married Cyrus Sterner, of previous mention. 6. Adam, deceased. Four other children are deceased.

MILLER

Many years ago there came to what is now North Versailles township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, a middle aged German emigrant, George Miller. There he became a large land owner and lived to be an old man. He retained the manners and customs of the "Vaterland," and even the speech, speaking English very

imperfectly and brokenly. He died between 1840 and 1845. He married and had four children, sons Jacob and John; daughter Eliza, married William Michaels; and Frances, married David Bowman. Each of these children received from their father a farm containing over one hundred and fifty acres.

(II) Jacob, son of George Miller, grew up on the homestead in North Versailles township, and at his father's death received his share of the farm lying on the Greensburg pike. He built a house of logs for his bride, and there lived all his life. He became one of the leading men of the township, an extensive stock raiser, and from youth to old age was ever a farmer. He married Catherine Boyd, and died during the Civil War, aged seventy-three years, she surviving him eight months. Children: 1. George, of further mention. 2. Eliza, married William Spielman, and died in her native township. 3. Ann, married Fauntley Muse; she died in the township of her birth. 4. Boyd, lived and died on the old homestead farm. 5. Maria, married John Hughey, and died in Leavenworth, Kansas. 6. John, a farmer, died in Wall, Pennsylvania.

(III) George, eldest son of Jacob and Catherine (Boyd) Miller, was born on the homestead farm, North Versailles township, Allegheny county, in 1816, died on the same farm October 25, 1871. He grew up on the farm owned by his father and grandfather and ever his home, becoming owner of the same after his father's death, by inheritance and purchase of his brother's share. He was a well known and highly respected citizen of North Versailles, serving that town as assessor and collector of taxes. He was a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife honored members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Sarah Jane White, born in Versailles township, Allegheny county, who survived him, daughter of Thomas and Eliza Jane (McLain) White. Eliza Jane McLain was the daughter of Mordecai and Mary McLain, who came from Scotland and settled at Wall, Allegheny county, where John followed his trade as shoemaker. Later they moved to Versailles township, where they died, his wife the last survivor, making her home with her sons. Sarah Jane, their daughter, married Thomas White, born in Ohio, but in youth came to Versailles township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he lived on Long Run. After his marriage to Sarah Jane McLain, he bought a farm of eighty acres in North Versailles, near the Greensburg pike, and there died about 1845 aged thirty-five years. His wife never again married, living to be a very old lady. Both were active members of Long Run Presbyterian Church, the husband serving as trustee. Children: 1. Sarah Jane, widow of George Miller. 2. Mary, died in Pittsburgh, unmarried. 3. William, died on the home farm. 4. Rush, a farmer, died in Wall, Pennsylvania. 5. John, died aged eleven years. Children of George and Sarah Jane (White) Miller: 1. Laura M., married William McCracken and resides in East McKeesport. 2. Wesley, died aged four years and four months at the old home farm. 3. Horace Greeley, of further mention.

(IV) Horace Greeley, son of George and Sarah Jane (White) Miller,

was born on the old Miller homestead farm in North Versailles township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, June 9, 1864, of the fourth generation to own and occupy it, three generations of Millers having been born there. He was educated at Point Pleasant school, and in youth aided in cultivating the farm. He learned the carpenter's trade, and all his life has followed that trade at irregular intervals, but since 1904 has devoted himself to it exclusively. He bought the interest of the other heirs of George Miller and now owns the old farm, but no longer cultivates it himself, he and his aged mother residing in the beautiful little borough of East McKeesport. He is a Republican in politics, and served as commissioner of North Versailles, when living in that township. He is a member of Tyrian Lodge, No. 612, F. and A. M., of Wilmerding, Pennsylvania; Lodge No. 136, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Knights of Pythias, and Knights of Malta, the latter three McKeesport lodges. Mr. Miller is unmarried.

McLAY

The McLays, a Scotch family, first settled in the west, on the Pacific coast, near Vancouver Island, in the territory of California. There James McLay was born and lived until his marriage. In latter years he settled in Latonia, Ohio, with his family, there engaging as a coal operator, being one of the pioneer operators of the state. He was a man of prosperous condition, an active Republican, and was influential in the early party. His wife, Jennie Lishman McLay, was also the child of Scotch parents who settled in Northern California. Several of the children of James McLay returned to Scotland, the home of their grandparents. Children: 1. David, now and for the past twelve years living retired in Scotland. 2. John, born in the United States, but died in Scotland. 3. George, a practicing physician, died in San Francisco. 4. William, of further mention. 5. James, now aged over ninety years, lives on Vancouver, an island off the west coast of Canada, a part of the province of British Columbia, separated from the United States by the strait of Juan de Fuca. 6. Alexander, now residing in Scotland. 7. Robert, resides in Vancouver island. 8. Mary, married and died in California. 9. Janet, married and died in California.

(II) William, son of James and Jennie (Lishman) McLay, was born in Northern California, died in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in April, 1898. He resided in California until after his marriage, then came east with his bride, settling in Latonia, Ohio. Later, about 1853, they came to Pennsylvania, locating in Allegheny county, where William engaged in coal operating in partnership with his brother-in-law, Alexander Love. They opened the "Catbird" mine, and after exhausting its supply of coal opened the "Lovedale," in Elizabeth, the largest mine in the country. This mine they later sold to the John A. Wood Coal Company, and William McLay retired from the coal business, devoting himself to agriculture the remainder of his active years. He began with a purchase of eighty-seven acres, and by later purchase acquired an estate of about three hundred acres in Elizabeth and Lincoln townships. His wife died in April, 1898, and one week

later he joined her in the spirit land. Both were members of the United Presbyterian church, and he was a Republican in politics. He married, in Scotland, Janet Love, daughter of Alexander and Agnes Love, both born in Scotland, and early settlers in California, where Alexander Love engaged in gold mining, and both died. Children of William McLay: 1. Isabel, married Charles Binkney, and now resides in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, a widow. 2. Mary, resides in Elizabeth, unmarried. 3. John, resides in Elizabeth, a mine foreman. 4. James, a farmer of Elizabeth township. 5. Alexander, a mill polisher of East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 6. George, a farmer of Elizabeth township. 7. Thomas, chief electrician of the Lovedale mine. 8. Janet, resides in Elizabeth, unmarried. 9. David P., died in Phoenix, Arizona. 10. William (2), of whom further. 11. Robert, resides with his brother, William. Two other children died in infancy.

(III) William (2), tenth child of William and Janet (Love) McLay, was born in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, September 26, 1873, on the farm owned by his parents and near his present residence. He was educated in public schools and Martin's Business College in Pittsburgh, graduating from the latter in 1893. After leaving college he spent three years as clerk in the wholesale dry goods house of Schumann Brothers, Pittsburgh, preparatory to himself becoming a merchant. He first opened a store in Buena Vista, Pennsylvania, and soon afterward a similar store at Scott Haven, Pennsylvania, conducting both stores successfully for seven years. He then sold and for two years was out of business. He then became manager of store No. 107, belonging to the Valley Supply Company, continuing as such for six years, then was connected with the Carnegie Steel Company, at Clairton, Pennsylvania, for two years, but on the death of his brother, David P. McLay, in 1912, resigned his position to succeed the latter in the management and operation of the McLay homestead farm in Elizabeth township. There on a tract of eighty-seven acres he maintains a modern poultry farm devoted to the breeding of single comb and white leghorns. He does business on a large scale, his pens containing at times twenty-five hundred hens and chickens. He is one of the leading farmers of his section, well known and highly esteemed. He is president of the Allegheny County Farmers' and Threshers' Association, a body of agriculturists with a membership of three thousand, devoted to the protection of the farmers' interests. He is also interested in the State Bank of Elizabeth, and other local enterprises. He has held the office of township auditor for six years, and while residing in Elizabeth township served as school director. Both he and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church, which Mr. McLay serves as trustee. In political faith he is a Republican. He is a charter member of Laurel Crown Commandery, No. 354, Knights of Malta, and belongs to Camp 163, Modern Woodmen of America. His club is the Youghiogheny Country. Mr. McLay married Isabel Richardson, daughter of David and Elizabeth Richardson, of Scott Haven, Pennsylvania. One son, David Lester McLay, born 1899.

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George McLay, sixth child of William and Janet (Love) McLay, (q. v.), was born in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 12, 1866. He was educated in the public schools, and in earlier life was his father's assistant at mine and farm. After becoming of age he continued a mine worker for twenty years, then retired to a tract of sixty-three acres, part of the McLay homestead, where he makes a specialty of market gardening. He has erected several dwellings on his farm and otherwise improved it, making it a more sightly, valuable property. He is a Republican in politics, and with his wife belongs to the United Presbyterian church.

Mr. McLay married Minnie, daughter of Henry and Nancy (Lyman) Carothers, of Coal Valley, Mifflin township, Allegheny county. Children: Stanley C.; Howard H., married Olive Smith, has a daughter, Dorothy, and is a farmer of the state of Oregon; Albert, Stella B., Nancy, Walter R., and Erma.

O'NEIL

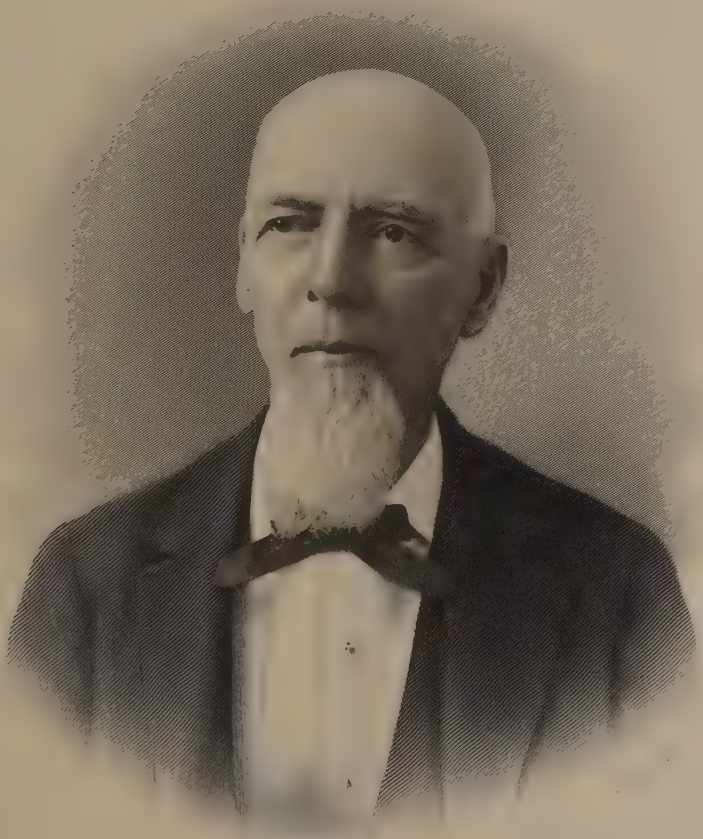
The O'Neils came to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, from "East of the Mountains," the original settlers being John and Mary (Robinson) O'Neil, of Irish parentage and grandparents of William Woods O'Neil, of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, who died December 26, 1902. John O'Neil and Mary Robinson were born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, married when young, and came to Allegheny county, settling in what is now the borough of Hays. The farm John O'Neil owned and on which he resided until late in life is now part of the James Hays estate. Both John and his wife are buried in Lebanon cemetery. Children: 1. John (2), a coal operator, died in Fayette City, Pennsylvania. 2. James, a coal operator and dealer, died in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 3. Samuel, killed near Cincinnati, Ohio. 4. Denny, of further mention. 5. Mary, married William Hamilton, and lived in West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. 6. Elizabeth, married William Rapp, and died in West Elizabeth.

(II) Denny, son of John and Mary (Robinson) O'Neil, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1803, died in 1836. He was engaged in the coal business all the active years of his short life, and was an able business man of high standing. He married Sarah Brauff, whose mother, Rebecca Nixon, was born at Harper's Ferry, Virginia, died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the mother of seven children: 1. Sarah, married Denny O'Neil. 2. Mary, married Abraham Robinson, and died in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. 3. Eliza, married Mr. Gilliland, and died in West Elizabeth. 4. John, died in Elizabeth, where he lived retired for many years. 5. Jonathan, died in Pittsburgh, a prominent politician and commissioner of Allegheny county. 6. Wesley, a bachelor. 7. Alfred, a bachelor.

Denny O'Neil is buried in Concord Cemetery, Garrick, Pennsylvania. His widow, who never again married, survived him until March, 1896, and died aged eighty-seven years, at the home of her brother in Elizabeth, and is buried in the Elizabeth Cemetery. Children: 1. John Nixon, died in Elizabeth, a partner in business with his brother, William Woods O'Neil.

2. William Woods, of further mention. 3. Alfred Brauff, died in McKeesport, a real estate dealer, father of J. Denny O'Neil. 4. Sarah, died in youthful womanhood.

(III) William Woods, second son of Denny and Sarah (Brauff) O'Neil, was born in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, August 16, 1830, died in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, December 26, 1902. He was educated in the public schools, and began business life as a miner, the Monongahela mines. Later he became a river pilot and ran the Monongahela and Ohio rivers for a few years. Coal mining was then in its infancy in Western Pennsylvania, and as he ran the rivers he noted the excellent chances for locating and developing the mines in the surrounding hills. Finally he left the river with the remark: "The coal is there, merely waits to be mined. I may go broke in shipping coal, but that will be my chronic condition if I remain a river pilot." He did not go broke, but won success that brought him fortune and fame. This success came through his own strong character and determination to succeed, as well as his almost prophetic vision of the great coal business that was to be developed. Leaving the river, he formed a partnership with his brother, John Nixon O'Neil, operating a mine and shipping their product as J. N. and W. W. O'Neil. The brothers were very successful and extended their operations until their business, mining and shipping, became a very extensive one. In course of time they admitted the brothers, S. P. and I. N. Large, to the firm, and operated still more extensively. Finally the firm dissolved and William Woods O'Neil organized the W. W. O'Neil Coal Company, of which he was president until the company was absorbed by the combined coal companies. He extended his operations all over the coal districts of Pennsylvania and the central west, becoming a national character whose advice in business and financial matters was sought and followed. He developed with the years, and the castles he erected as he guided the river steamers past the deposits of undeveloped coal were not "castles in Spain," but all became actualities. He became the efficient president and real managing head of the Pittsburgh and Southern Coal Company, the Marine National Bank of Pittsburgh, the First National Bank of Elizabeth, and had numerous private interests in various coal fields, as well as in other lines of business. Two years before his death he retired from business and gave himself a needed rest. But he retained his interest in the town where he long resided, Elizabeth, and at his death was president of the town council. For many years he was a member of the National Board of Steam Navigation, serving on its executive committee. He was clear-headed, energetic and fearless, believing implicitly in himself and ever willing to lead in any enterprise of which his judgment approved. He gained high rank among his contemporaries of the business world and held it by his superior qualities. At his death the entire press of the country noted the event and gave extended accounts of his business life. His one relaxation and enjoyment was the light harness horse, owning and driving some of the best of his day. Among some of the noted trotters he owned was "Ruth Wilkes," afterwards sold to the Emperor of Austria. He was a member of the Masonic order, and in political faith a Republican.



Very Truly Yours
Wm. W. O'Neil

Mr. O'Neil married (first) December 8, 1853, Elizabeth B. Cunningham, who died December 25, 1863, who bore him six children: 1. James Denny, now a lumberman of Virginia. 2. Anna, married Newton P. Williams, and resides in Evanston, Illinois. 3. Sarah, married William M. Ekin, whom she survives, a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana. 4. Rachel, married R. P. Kennedy, whom she survives, a resident of Atlantic City, New Jersey. 5. William, died in youthful manhood. 6. John N., a resident of Charleroi, Pennsylvania. Mr. O'Neil married (second) January 9, 1867, Mary B., daughter of Robert and Dorcas (Flack) Means, both of Western Pennsylvania. Robert Means was a shipbuilder on the Monongahela river, later moved to Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, where both died, members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Children by second marriage: 1. Grace, married (first) Edward F. Goodwin, and by this union one son, William O'Neil Goodwin; married (second) Joshua Hunt, whom she survives, a resident of Elizabeth; she has a son, David Thomas Hunt. 2. Lizzie, died in infancy. 3. Binnie, married George Acheson, whom she survives, a resident of Elizabeth; she has children, George and Virginia. 4. Emma, married L. W. Walker, and resides in Pittsburgh. 5. Louise, married W. W. Dempster, and resides in Elizabeth; child: Alexander. Mrs. Mary B. (Means) O'Neil survives her husband, residing in Elizabeth, her home a beautiful mansion overlooking the town and the Monongahela river.

NICHOLLS

During some of the years the old National Pike was in its glory, one of the ferries across the Monongahela river was operated by James Nicholls, one of the first early settlers of Washington county, Pennsylvania, near Monongahela City. He was the grandfather of John Barr Nicholls, of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania.

James Nicholls married Rebecca De Vore, and soon afterward moved to Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, where he purchased a partly improved farm of two hundred acres. The farm he greatly improved and developed, tearing down the old log buildings and replacing them with more modern structures. Just prior to his death he erected a brick farm house on his property that is still standing and in constant use. He was a quiet, retiring man, very industrious and energetic, held in high esteem by his neighbors, and with his wife active in the Presbyterian church. Children: 1. William, died in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a farmer. 2. Lucinda, married William Finney, and died in Elizabeth township. 3. Mary, married Hugh Wilson, and died in Ohio. 4. Cassandra, married James Warren, and died in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 5. Sarah, married Moses Curry, and died in Pittsburgh. 6. David, died in West Newton, Pennsylvania, a farmer. 7. James, of further mention. 8. Nancy Ann, married John V. Scott, and resides near Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. 9. Elizabeth, married Hiram Warren, and resides in Washington, Pennsylvania. 10. Martha Jane, deceased, married William Stoner, and resided in Forward township, Allegheny county. Four other children died in infancy.

(II) James, seventh child and third son of James and Rebecca (De-

Vore) Nicholls, was born on the Elizabeth township farm owned by his parents, February 26, 1828, and has there spent his long and useful life of now eighty-six years. He inherited a share of the original farm and to this has added by purchase, his home farm, now consisting of one hundred acres. In addition he also owned another farm of ninety-four acres, which he sold to his son, J. B. Nicholls. He has succeeded well in life and bears well his eighty-six years. He has devoted his life to farming, and has ever been one of the leading, progressive men of that occupation in his township. He has been for many years a trustee of the United Presbyterian church, and in political faith is a Republican. He is honored and respected by his community and has a host of warm friends. He married Elizabeth Barr, born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1834, daughter of William and Ann (Bell) Barr, both born in Washington county. William Barr was a tanner and farmer, operating a tannery on his Washington county farm. He is buried in Pigeon Creek cemetery. By his first wife he had James and Mary, neither of whom married. By his second wife, Ann Bell, he had seven children: 1. Rachel, married Thomas Long, and died in Pittsburgh. 2. Elizabeth, married James Nicholls, of previous mention. 3. William, a Union veteran, now a farmer in the state of Kansas. 4. John, a Union soldier, killed at the battle of Gettysburg. 5. Joseph, yet a farmer of Washington county. 6. Fanny, married Samuel Ralston, and now lives in Kansas. 7. Jenny, died, aged sixteen years.

James Nicholls and Elizabeth Barr were married May 19, 1863, and fifty years later, on May 19, 1913, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, surrounded by children, grandchildren and many of their intimate friends, who made the occasion one of supreme happiness for the venerable, well beloved couple. Children: 1. John Barr, of further mention. 2. William Wilson, died aged twenty-five. 3. James Clavin, a practicing physician of Braddock, Pennsylvania. 4. David Franklin, who now cultivates the home farm. 5. James Albert, died aged six years. 6. Robert Delmar, a practicing physician of Sharon, Pennsylvania. 7. Martha Jane, married Dr. Joseph Hunter, a practicing physician of Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

(III) John Barr, eldest son of James and Elizabeth (Barr) Nicholls, was born at the home farm, September 17, 1864. He was educated in public schools, McKeesport Academy and Duff's Business College, Pittsburgh, and after finshing his school years returned home and assisted in cultivating the home farm. He then rented a farm in the township which he cultivated for five years, until the year 1900. In that year he moved to his present farm of ninety-four acres, adjoining the home farm on which he was born, and there conducts general farming operations. He is a Republican in politics, and has served his township as school director. Both he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, which he serves as trustee. Mr. Nicholls married, June 14, 1894, Martha Peairs, born in Elizabeth township, daughter of Joseph Peairs.

McKINNEY

This name, so familiar and honored in Western Pennsylvania, and represented in the present by John McKinney, of Forward township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, was brought to Pennsylvania by Matthew McKinney, born in Scotland. He came to Eastern Pennsylvania a grown man, and about 1777 crossed the mountains to Western Pennsylvania, locating on government land which he patented. His farm of three hundred acres was then virgin forest, located in what is now Forward township, Allegheny county. He was a hardy pioneer, full of energy and courage, two qualities greatly needed by him who would subdue the forest, battle with adverse circumstances, and, with danger lurking in every quarter, cause the fertile field to follow his labor. While clearing his land, he lived in a log house built by his own hands, and for his stock built a log barn, both standing as monuments of his untiring energy for many years. His first wife, Elizabeth Lord, soon succumbed to the privations of frontier life, and he married a second wife, Ann Thompson, and with her lived on his farm until his death, October 22, 1809. He was a Presbyterian in religion, and of that sturdy Scotch blood that made their lives conform to the strict creed they so strongly believed the correct rule of life. Children of Matthew and Elizabeth (Lord) McKinney: 1. James, of further mention. 2. John, a farmer, married, moved to New Concord, Ohio, where his descendants are yet found. 3. Henry, also moved to New Concord, Ohio, married, and left issue. 4. Polly, married a Snodgrass and died at Braddock, Pennsylvania. 5. Nancy, married Isaac Storrer, and died in New Concord, Ohio. 6. Matthew (2), died in infancy. Matthew by his second marriage had no issue.

(II) James, eldest son of Matthew and Elizabeth (Lord) McKinney, was born on the frontier farm, now Forward township, Allegheny county, February 9, 1783, and there lived until his death, October 18, 1863. He was his father's assistant from an early age, being the first born son, and at the death of Matthew McKinney he bought out the other heirs and retained possession of the acres he had helped to wrest from the forest. He owned two hundred and forty acres of the original three hundred, and replaced the original log house with a four-room frame house, and also erected a commodious frame barn. These buildings stood for ninety-two years, until July 30, 1909, when they were struck by lightning and destroyed by fire. He cultivated his farm all his active years, but between seasons was a "freighter" on the old National Pike, making trips over that noted road until after his marriage. On many of these trips he drove as far west as Chillicothe, Ohio, and as far east as Philadelphia. He prospered in his undertakings, but his freighting business was brought to an abrupt close, as his wife, whom he met at the "Black Horse Tavern" in Wheeling, would not be left alone during the many weeks a trip required. So henceforth he devoted himself entirely to the cultivation of his farm. He served for a short time during the second war with Great Britain, but in the main lived a quiet retiring life, devoted to home and family. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. He married Mary Wallace

Blee, who survived him ten years, dying March 24, 1873, aged seventy-seven years. Children: 1. Elizabeth, born September 29, 1817, died unmarried, January 28, 1873. 2. Nancy Jane, born Jaunary 28, 1820, married Peter Reasoner, and died at New Concord, Ohio, February 29, 1908. 3. Margaret, born December 21, 1821, died at the homestead, unmarried, October 18, 1895. 4. Matthew, born May 10, 1822, died September 10, 1822. 5. Ann, born December 21, 1823, married Solomon Speer, and died at Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, in January, 1910. 6. Robert, born May 21, 1825, died at the old homestead, January 13, 1902. 7. John, of further mention. 8. Mary, born September 2, 1829, married Louis Snee, and died April 18, 1856.

(III) John, second son and seventh child of James and Mary Wallace (Blee) McKinney, was born on the farm in Forward township, Allegheny county, owned by his father and grandfather, November 21, 1826, died there August 12, 1911. He attended public schools and remained at the home farm until his marriage. He then bought the adjoining farm and there resided until 1861, when his father, an old man, induced him to give up his own farm and return to the homestead, where he remodeled and enlarged the farm house and there resided until his death. He lived to be eighty-five years of age, and until two years prior to his death was active and vigorous, giving little evidence of his great age. He was a Democrat in politics, and for twenty-eight years served as school director. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. He married, November 14, 1850, Mary Jane Marshall, born October 17, 1828, in New Concord, Ohio, daughter of Judge Robert and Polly (Reasoner) Marshall. Judge Marshall settled in Ohio from New Florence, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was a judge of Guernsey county (Ohio) courts for twenty-eight years, a well educated man, a just judge, and an upright citizen. He died March 1, 1873, and his wife, Polly Reasoner Marshall, September 20, 1840. He married a second wife, Polly Wilson. Children: 1. Elizabeth, born December 8, 1819, died unmarried, at age of seventy-five years. 2. Martha, born August 2, 1821, married Samuel Marshall, and died in Kirkwood, Illinois. 3. Nancy, born November 5, 1823, married Robert McKinney, and died in Forward township, Allegheny county. 4. Margaret, born August 3, 1826, married Mack Galbraith, and died in Monmouth, Illinois. 5. Mary Jane, born October 17, 1828, died January 28, 1896; married John McKinney, of previous mention. 6. John R., born February 26, 1830, deceased; a farmer of Muscatine, Iowa. 7. Robert W., born February 15, 1832, now a farmer near Stronghurst, Illinois. 8. Samuel, born May 3, 1834; a minister of the United Presbyterian church, and at the time of death president of Tarkio (Missouri) College. 9. Joseph, born March 3, 1836, died aged eighteen years. 10. Benjamin, born November 16, 1837, died at the old Marshall home in New Concord, Ohio, November 4, 1912. 11. Sarah Catherine, born February 14, 1840, married Samuel Torrance, and lives in Monmouth, Illinois.

Children of John and Mary Jane (Marshall) McKinney: 1. Robert Biddle, born February 10, 1852; now a grocer of Elizabeth, Pennsylvania.

2. Anna Martha, born April 10, 1857; married Stephen Wall, whom she survives, a resident of Forward township. 3. James Lord, born September 20, 1862; now working the home farm in connection with his brother John, unmarried. 4. Eliza W., born July 6, 1867, unmarried; residing with her brothers at the homestead. 5. John, of further mention.

(IV) John, youngest child and third son of John and Mary Jane (Marshall) McKinney, was born on the homestead, October 15, 1869. He was educated in public schools and Elizabeth Academy, and after finishing his school years returned to the home farm and in association with his brother, James L., works the one hundred and twenty-one acres. They are breeders of pure blooded Guernseys, their herd numbering about twenty-five head of these choice dairy breed of cattle. Their farm is well improved and well managed, the brothers and sisters there residing all being interested in its upkeep and thoroughly capable. John McKinney is unmarried, is an Independent in politics, and, like all the McKinneys, a member of the Presbyterian church.

GUFFEY

The founder of the Guffey family in this country was William Guffey, a native of Ireland, who upon arrival in America located in Westmoreland county, settling on the old Guffey homestead in Sewickley township, the application for which was made to King George in 1769 by James Baird, the consideration being £2,100. On this land Mr. Guffey built a log cabin and made the first clearing said to have been made west of the Allegheny Mountains. He was one of the members of General Forbes' expedition, and died in Sewickly township in January, 1783.

(II) The line of descent traces through his son, James, born in 1736, who was two years of age when his father immigrated. He was twice married, his first wife being Margaret, daughter of William and Margaret Campbell, who bore him four children: John (of whom further), Polly, and Belle; and ————, who died in May, 1791. His second wife was a Miss Findley, who bore him two children, Sarah and William.

(III) John, son of James and Margaret (Campbell) Guffey, was born in Sewickley township, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, August 6, 1764. He was for many years a justice of the peace, and spent his entire life in the vicinity in which he was born. He married (first) Agnes Lowry, born April 18, 1773, and they had eleven children: James, William, Anna, John (see sketch of J. D. Guffey), Robert, of whom further; Margaret, Isabella, Mary and Nancy. By his second wife, Rebecca Stewart, he had Benjamin and Stewart.

(IV) Robert, son of John and Agnes (Lowry) Guffey, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, near Ligonier, there married Sarah Campbell, and with her moved to Sewickley township, in the same county. He bought a farm there, lying about one and a half miles from Sutersville, containing one hundred acres that he cleared and brought under cultivation. The buildings he erected are still occupied and owned in the Guffey name.

He was a Democrat in politics, and both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. He died about 1870, his widow, Sarah, living until 1904, aged over ninety years. Children: 1. James Lowry, of further mention. 2. Mary, died aged eighty-two years, unmarried. 3. Campbell, a retired farmer, now residing in West Newton, Pennsylvania, aged eighty-two years. 4. John, living on his farm near Harmony, aged eighty years.

(V) James Lowry, eldest son of Robert and Sarah (Campbell) Guffey, was born at the Sewickley township farm of his parents near Sutersville, April 23, 1825. He remained at home, his father's assistant, until his marriage, then bought a farm of fifty-six acres in Forward township, Allegheny county, and there lived until his death, January 29, 1913. He was a prosperous farmer, and added adjoining acres to his fifty-six original ones until they totalled two hundred, well improved and fertile. He erected substantial buildings on his farm and made it one of the most desirable of properties. He did not invest all of his profits in land, but laid by a goodly bank balance and was rated one of the prosperous men of his section. He was a Democrat in politics, served as road supervisor, was very prosperous, and held in high esteem wherever known. Both he and his wife were members of Round Hill Presbyterian Church, of which he was ruling elder for forty-five years. He married Mary Scott, born in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1828, died in 1886, daughter of Zacheus and Catherine (Andrews) Scott, old residents of that section. Zacheus Scott was a farmer, owning one hundred and forty acres that is now owned by his son, Zacheus Scott. Both were members of the United Presbyterian church, and are buried in Round Hill cemetery. Children: 1. Mary, married James Lowry Guffey, of previous mention. 2. Eliza, married Alexander Thompson, and died in Westmoreland county. 3. Catherine, married Allen Williams, and died in Westmoreland county. 4. Lucinda, married Josiah Johnson, and died near Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. 5. Zacheus (2), now living retired near Dravosburg, Pennsylvania.

Children of James Lowry and Mary (Scott) Guffey: 1. Calvin, now a farmer of Westmoreland county. 2. Scott, died aged nineteen years. 3. Robert Campbell, of whom further. 4. Catherine, married A. P. Culp, and resides at Lock No. 4, in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 5. James L., residing with his brother, Robert C.; unmarried. 6. William, killed by a railroad train, about 1904. 7. Mary, married J. Finney Wall, and resides in Forward township. 8. Albert, a physician practicing in McKeesport. 9. Lucinda, married S. W. McConnell, and resides in Forward township.

(VI) Robert Campbell, third son of James Lowry and Mary (Scott) Guffey, was born on the Forward township farm, July 27, 1861. He attended the public schools of the district, and after completing the courses therein taught, took a course at Duff's Business College in Pittsburgh. He then returned to the home farm and conducted it for father for many years, eventually becoming its owner. He devotes the farm to general agricultural purposes, including stock raising, and is both modern in his methods and successful in his results. He is a Democrat in politics, served six years as

supervisor, is a member of the board of trustees of Round Hill cemetery, and both he and his wife members of Round Hill Presbyterian Church. Mr. Guffey married Laura Billick, born in Elizabeth township, daughter of Alexander and Mary (Hall) Billick. Children: 1. Iva Myrtle, a graduate of the State Normal School at California, Pennsylvania, and for two years a teacher in Elizabeth township public school. 2. Mary Catherine. 3. Dora. 4. Robert Campbell (2). 5. William.

MOWRY

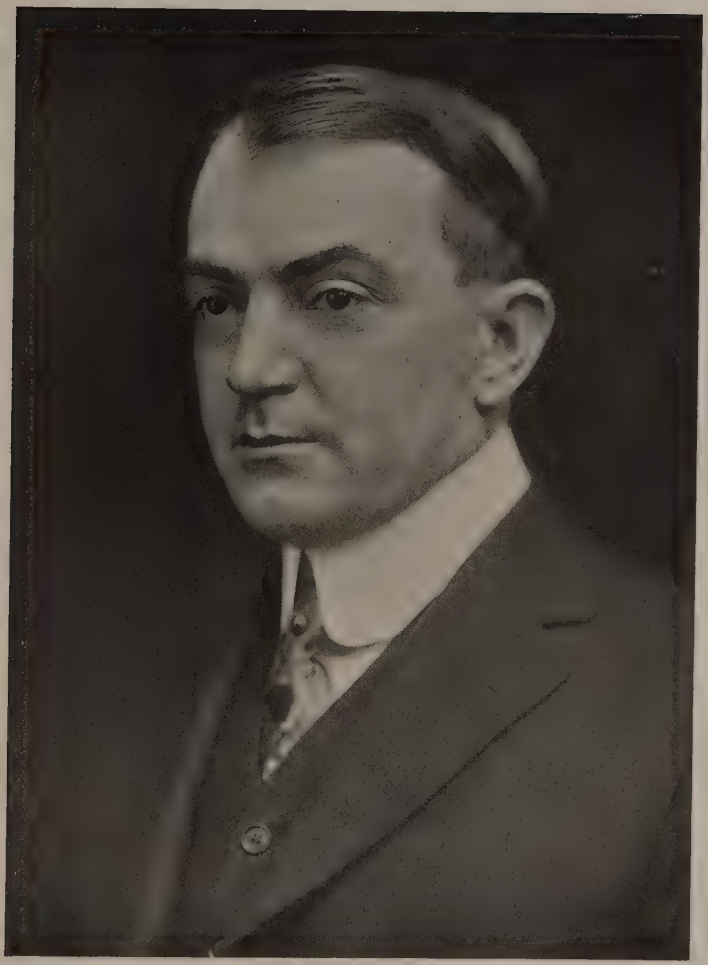
Howard G. Mowry is descended on his father's side of the family from a mixed German and English ancestry, from both of which sources our complex American citizenship has drawn such valuable characters. His forebears have dwelt in this country for so many years, however, that they have become thoroughly identified with the life and traditions of the region which they have inhabited, namely, western Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather of our subject was Jacob Mowry, of German parentage, and a very early settler in Jefferson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He owned a fine farm in that locality, where he lived a prosperous but retired life with his wife and family, and finally died there and was buried by the old Jefferson Church, as was his wife also. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and an officer of the Jefferson church. He was married to Miss Sarah Woodford, a native of Pennsylvania, but of English parentage, and they became the parents of four children as follows: Ann, now Mrs. Archibald A. Sloan, of Findlayville, Pennsylvania; John N., the father of our subject; Snyder, a farmer, residing on the old Mowry homestead, and Ella, now Mrs. Frank Cady of Gastonville, Pennsylvania.

John N. Mowry, the father of our subject, was born in Allegheny county, and there passed his childhood and youth. He bought from his grandfather, Mr. Woodford, the latter's farm, a place consisting of about fifty acres, and from time to time kept adding to this until at the present time he owns a property of some one hundred and thirty-four acres. The property is a very valuable one, as under it runs the great Pittsburgh vein of coal. He lives now in retirement from active business, but is none the less an active member of his community. He is a member of the Republican party, and he and his family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, as were his parents before him. At the time he was growing to manhood, there was in the same locality, growing to womanhood, a Miss Goodrich, whose parents were also early residents of Jefferson township. John and Mary Goodrich had moved thither in their youth, and there lived until after the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Goodrich. Then they moved to the neighborhood of Morgantown, West Virginia, where Mr. Goodrich died in 1907, whereupon his wife returned to her old home in Allegheny county, and now lives with her daughter. This daughter, Miss Mary Goodrich, was married to Mr. John N. Mowry, and now lives with her husband on his farm. She was one of her parents' eight children, who were as follows: John, died in the west; George, now a farmer of Colorado;

Edward, a merchant of West Virginia; Mary, the mother of our subject; Ann, now Mrs. Snyder Mowry, of Jefferson township, Allegheny county; Rose, now Mrs. Albert Everly, of West Virginia; Louise, now Mrs. Clark Raber, also of West Virginia, and Ella, died as a young girl. To Mr. and Mrs. John N. Mowry there have been born seven children, as follows: Howard G., the subject of this sketch; Charles, a farmer, residing on the old Mowry homestead; Mabel, deceased, was Mrs. R. Malcolm Heath, of Fairhaven, Pennsylvania; John a farmer of Mifflin township, Pennsylvania; Rose, now Mrs. Samuel Hall, of Jefferson township; Sarah, now Mrs. William Stilley, also of Jefferson township, and Frank, who resides at home with his parents.

Howard G. Mowry, the eldest child of John N. and Mary E. (Goodrich) Mowry, was born August 9, 1875, in Jefferson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He received the elementary portion of his education in the local public schools, which he attended until his eighteenth year. Having completed the courses which they had to offer, he then enrolled at the old Duquesne College, later taking up teaching as a profession, and continued it for a period of two years, when he decided to take a course in the California State Normal School, to further perfect himself in his subject. He graduated from this institution in 1898, and continued his teaching for another two years. In the spring of 1900, however, he quit his profession and, coming to Homestead, entered the employ of the Carnegie Steel Company, his work being in the Howard Axle Works. Mr. Mowry has remained in this service ever since, rapidly rising in position from recorder to pay clerk, and is now the assistant to the chief clerk, Mr. Irwin. Besides his duties in the Carnegie Company Mr. Mowry is interested in Homestead real estate, and is now a considerable owner, his property including three apartment houses in the city. He has made his home in West Homestead since coming to this city. Mr. Mowry does not by any means confine his energies to his business or personal affairs. He takes, on the contrary, a keen interest in the affairs of the community, and plays an active part therein. He is a member of the Republican party, and has entered to a large extent into local politics, and has served on the school board of West Homestead.

Mr. Mowry was married, October 10, 1900, to Miss Iva Whitehill, a native of Edenburg, Clarion county, Pennsylvania, where she was born May 8, 1881. Mrs. Mowry is a descendant of Scotch ancestry on her father's side, her paternal great-grandfather being James Whitehill, a native of Scotland, who came in the very early days to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and there settled. The Whitehill family continued to live in Lancaster county for many years after their first settlement there, and James Whitehill's son, Samuel Milliken Whitehill, was there born and became a large land owner in the neighborhood and successfully farmed his properties. He finally died in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, at Old Edenburg. He was married to Miss Julia Thompson, and their son, John Preston Whitehill, is the father of Mrs. Mowry. He was married to Miss May Lightner, a daughter of John and Sarah (Long) Lightner, also early residents of



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Clarion county. Mr. Lightner enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil War, but after leaving was never heard from, and it is presumed that he was killed in the early part of that historic struggle. Mrs. Lightner was a second time married to Mr. Alex. Black, and is now a second time a widow, residing in Center county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Mowry's parents were both born in Clarion county, he on August 5, 1850, and she on May 27, 1859. There, too, they grew up and were married, and their children born to them. Of these there were four, as follows: Samuel Milliken, Jr., now an oil contractor of Okmulgee, Oklahoma; Iva, now Mrs. Mowry; Earl Preston, engaged in the oil business at Wetumka, Oklahoma; and Marie, who lives with her parents. Mr. Whitehill was an old time Pennsylvania oil man, and in 1902 moved out to Chelsea, Oklahoma, and continued his oil operations there.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mowry have been born two children: Kenneth Whitehill, April 12, 1907; and Helen Marie, July 24, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Mowry are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in that persuasion are rearing their children.

DUFF

The Duff family, whose present representative is Cyrus Bryson Duff, of Wilkinsburg, trace their ancestry to Ireland, from whence they removed to Scotland, and from there numerous members found their way to the United States, a large number settling in the state of Pennsylvania.

James Duff, grandfather of Cyrus B. Duff, in early life was engaged in packing salt from Baltimore, Maryland, to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and subsequently purchased the land on which Cyrus B. Duff now resides, at a sheriff's sale, and later ascertained that the place had never been patented, after which he secured the patent for it, the place consisting of eighty-four acres. During the summer months he devoted his attention to the cultivation of his farm, and the remainder of the year he packed across the mountains, that being one of the principal occupations of that time. His wife, Katherine (Fischer) Duff, bore him seven children: James, William, Isabelle, Mary, Katherine, Ann, and a son whose name is not known.

James Duff, father of Cyrus B. Duff, was born on the farm in Penn township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, on which his son, Cyrus B. Duff, now resides. His chief occupation was farming, conducting his operations on the abovementioned farm, and in this way he provided a comfortable home for his family. He served as school director, supervisor, and justice of the peace, in the latter capacity performing the marriage ceremony for many persons in Penn township. He married Betsy McClurkin, born in what is now Unity, Plumb township, Pennsylvania, and they were the parents of two children: Catherine Ann; and Cyrus Bryson, of whom further.

Cyrus Bryson Duff was born on the farm whereon he now resides, in Penn township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, April 11, 1848. His early education was acquired in the township schools, and later he pursued a

course in Shaffer's Business College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He then returned to the homestead farm, where he at first gave his attention to the raising of grain and hay, and later engaged in the raising of general garden produce, continuing along this line up to the present time (1914). In former years considerable coal was taken out of his property, this adding considerably to his income therefrom, and there is still some of that necessary article there, although the supply is constantly diminishing. Mr. Duff was reared in the faith of the United Presbyterian church, and at the present time he and his family hold membership in the Hebron United Presbyterian Church. He is a man of honor and integrity, active in community affairs, respected and esteemed by all with whom he is brought in contact.

Mr. Duff married, January 14, 1874, Margaret Ellen McNary, born in Snowden township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, March 2, 1846, daughter of William Hill and Elizabeth (Holmes) McNary, who were the parents of five children, all of whom are now living but John A., namely: Dorcas Wells, Margaret Ellen, abovementioned, Harriet Jane, Anna Weyman, John A. McNary. William Hill McNary was born in Harrison county, Ohio, son of Alexander and Margaret (Pollock) McNary, both born (probably) in Harrison county, Ohio, the former named having been a farmer, and the father of Alexander McNary was John McNary, who served in the Revolutionary War. Children of Alexander McNary and wife: Joseph, Alexander, James, John, William Hill, Ellen. Elizabeth (Holmes) McNary was born in Snowden township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, only child of John and Elizabeth (Estep) Holmes, of Union township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, early settlers of that section, and granddaughter of Abraham Holmes, who served as a colonel in the Revolutionary War. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Duff: Daisy Lloyd, born July 8, 1878; Bessie Trax, born April 7, 1880.

MOORE

The Moore family of Picairn, although their residence in the Keystone State has not been of long duration, ranks among the honored families, the members thereof being noted for integrity and honorable character.

Samuel Moore, father of Alpheus W. Moore, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, died in Hardin county, same state, where he spent his last years, and where he erected a substantial residence. In early life he learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed, in connection with contracting, for a number of years, was also a millwright, and conducted farming operations on a small scale, being the owner of a forty acre farm which yielded good harvests. He displayed his patriotism by enlisting in the Civil War, serving from 1862 to 1865, two enlistments, first in the Sixty-first Ohio Regiment, and later in a regiment that consolidated with the Sixty-first. He was a member of the United Brethren church, and a man of influence in the community. He married Margaret E. Mause, born in Allen county, Ohio, daughter of Nicholas Mause, a native of Pennsylvania, from whence he removed to Ohio and located there, between the years

1830 and 1840, he being a farmer by occupation. The mother of Mr. Mause was known as "Aunt Peggie," and she lived to be ninety-six years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Moore were the parents of four children: Mary E., a resident of Massillon, Ohio; Peter N., a resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; George W., a farmer on the old homestead near Alger, Ohio; Alpheus W., of whom further.

Alpheus W. Moore was born in Westminster, Allen county, Ohio, December 15, 1866. His early education was obtained in the schools adjacent to his home, and this was supplemented by attendance at the township school near Alger, where he completed his studies. His first work was done on his father's farm, and later he learned the trade of carpenter under his father's supervision. He also commenced the study of telegraphy, but finally abandoned this, it not being to his liking. In 1887 he accepted a position as brakeman with the Lake Erie & Western railroad, and so continued for some time, resigning in order to engage in the carpenter work. Later he again took up agricultural pursuits, but after a short period of time returned to railroading, accepting a position as brakeman on the Pan Handle railroad, running between Pittsburgh and Denison. In the following year (1890) he became a brakeman on the Pittsburgh division, in 1892 filled a similar position in the Pitcairn yards, became crippled in 1893, but still (1914) serves as brakeman on a transfer shifter. His active career has been varied, but in all his labor he has served his employers well, performing the duties assigned to him in a conscientious manner that has won the approval of his superiors. Mr. Moore is a member of the United Brethren church, Lodge No. 993, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Encampment No. 122, Canton No. 11, and Rebekah Lodge, No. 211, and of the latter also his wife; Pennsylvania Railway Relief Association, and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. His political affiliation is with the Washington party.

Mr. Moore married, October 28, 1890, Jennie Gibbons, of Jira, England, who came to the United States at the age of seventeen years. Her father, Peter Gibbons, was a native of England, as was also his wife, Ann (Steel) Gibbons, a descendant of a Scotch ancestry. Peter Gibbons came to the United States twice, the first time in 1873, when his daughter, Jeanne C., was three years of age. They were the parents of one other daughter, Mary. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Moore: Margaret E.; Howard Samuel; Clyde A.; Lorian LaMont; Sarah Olympia; an infant son, born December 1, 1899, died December 18, 1899; Reua May; Edith F.

FEENEY

Patrick William Feeney, of Wall, Pennsylvania, although of English birth, descends from Irish ancestors long seated in county Mayo, where Patrick Feeney lived and died, leaving a son, John.

(II) John Feeney, born in County Mayo, Ireland, there grew to manhood. He resided in Wilberhampton, England, and there married. In 1858 he came to the United States, settling in Mount Vernon, Ohio, where

Donegal, Ireland, died in Mount Vernon, Ohio, not long after their arrival there, having contracted ship fever on the passage across the Atlantic. She left two children: Margaret, married James Tobin, and resides in Genesee, Idaho, and Patrick William, of further mention. John Feeney married (second) Mrs. Eliza (Williams) Noonan, of Newark, Licking county, Ohio. After his second marriage Mr. Feeney moved to Newark, where he was engaged in the retail coal business until his death. His widow yet survives him, a resident of Newark, Ohio. Children by second marriage: John, a tailor; Ann, married (first) Lucius Sullivan, and (second) Dennis Welsh. Mrs. Patrick Burns Feeney, mother of Patrick William, was one of the twenty-four children of her father, who had three wives; of these children, twenty-one were sons, one of the daughters of one of the sons, Mrs. Katherine Hawk, still survives, one of her sons being a priest of the Roman Catholic church.

(III) Patrick William, only son of John Feeney and his first wife, Catherine Burns, was born in Wilberhampton, England, March 12, 1854, and when four years of age was brought to the United States by his parents. He was soon afterward left motherless, and after his father's second marriage was taken to Newark, Ohio, where he was educated. In 1877 he began working on the Pan Handle railroad as brakeman, but continued his residence in Newark. In 1879 he was promoted to conductor, and until 1907 held that position, ranking high in efficient, faithful service. In that year he unfortunately met with an accident while crossing a railroad track, the accident costing him a leg. After his recovery he returned to the railroad as train baggage master, his present run being from Pittsburgh to Columbus, Ohio. He was appointed to his present position December 9, 1907, just twenty-eight years to a day from the date of his promotion to the position of conductor. He is a member, with his family, of St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church, Wilmerding, Pennsylvania, and belongs to the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors. Since 1896 he has resided in the borough of Wall, where for six years he served as a member of the borough council.

Mr. Feeney married, November 20, 1883, Mary Ann Doyle. Children: John Michael, Edward Francis, Leo Joseph, Thomas Ambrose, Margaret Mary, Charles Leonard, Andrew Paul, deceased; William George.

ZISCHKAU

We are indebted to the countries of the Old World for a number of our patriotic and public-spirited citizens, and to Germany in particular, from whence came the father of Philip George Zischkau, of whom this article treats.

George Zischkau, the emigrant, was born in the portion of Poland that belongs to Germany, was reared and educated in his native place, and after his marriage to Christina Michel, a native of Germany, emigrated to the United States, accompanied by his wife, and located in Millvale, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the butcher business, having a stand in the Thirteenth Ward Market, which he successfully conducted

until 1856, when he removed to Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, and established a butcher business which he conducted up to the time of his death in the year 1874. Mr. and Mrs. Zischkau were the parents of six children—three sons and two daughters, who attained years of maturity; and one child that died in early life. Their living children are: Henry, Anna, Philip George, Mary, Oscar.

Philip George Zischkau was born in Millvale, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 24, 1857. His educational advantages were limited, he leaving the public schools in early boyhood in order to assist his father in the butcher business, with which he became thoroughly familiar, and when he started upon his own business career he followed the same line. After the death of his father, his mother and her sons continued in business together, operating a general store and meat business at Port Perry and also a meat business at Turtle Creek, running a line of meat wagons throughout that section of the state. Later one of the sons engaged in business on his own account, and when the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was built they had to dispose of their general store and meat market at Port Perry as the site was needed for that purpose, but they continued in the meat business until the death of the mother, when the business was disposed of. Philip G. Zischkau then engaged in the concrete construction work, which he has continued to the present time (1914), and is also actively interested in the real estate business. He ranks among the representative business men of Turtle Creek, highly esteemed for his many excellent characteristics. He is active in local affairs, having served as a councilman and member of the school board of Turtle Creek, and he is a member of Valley Lodge, No. 613, Free and Accepted Masons; Valley Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; and Askalon Commandery, Knights Templar. His family are members of the Lutheran church.

Mr. Zischkau married, in 1877, Helen B. Ament. Children: Charles, Oscar, George, Joseph, Gertrude, Frank, Philip, Marie, Anna, Elmer. The family occupy a prominent place in the social life of their home town, and their home is noted for hospitality.

CHAMBERLAIN

The Chamberlain family, resident in Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, where they are well and favorably known, is of French origin, in which country the members of the branch here represented were wealthy and influential, being the owners of considerable property, including mills, which were confiscated by the authorities of France.

Jules Chamberlain, father of Ralph Chamberlain, was a native of France, son of Saturne Chamberlain, also a native of France, who followed agricultural pursuits. Jules Chamberlain acquired a practical education in the schools of his native land, after which he entered the coal mines and in due course of time became thoroughly competent in that line of work. Being of the opinion that the United States possessed greater possibilities for advancement than France, he left his home town in the year 1890 and upon his arrival here settled in Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania, where he and

his wife still reside. He married Valeria Polg, also a native of France, daughter of a wealthy resident of France who served in the capacity of judge. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain are the parents of three children: 1. Gabriella, wife of Morris Faber, and mother of three children: Gabriel, Martha, Marshall. 2. Emile, a molder by trade; married Frances Kuth; children: Emile, Rose and Ralph, twins; George, Matilda, Martha, and Eleanor and Charles, deceased. 3. Ralph, of whom further.

Ralph Chamberlain was born in France, February 26, 1883. He accompanied his parents to this country, being then seven years of age, and has spent the greater part of his life in Turtle Creek, where his parents settled, attending the common schools, and later learning the trade of confectioner, being engaged in that line of business since 1904, in which he has been highly successful, and in addition to this he is actively interested in the pool business, from which he derives a comfortable income. He is enterprising and energetic, progressive and active, and therefore merits the success which has attended his well directed efforts. In political belief he is independent.

Mr. Chamberlain married, March 22, 1905, Nellie Patterson, daughter of John and Jean Patterson. Children: Ralph, Jr.; Margaret, deceased; Thelma; Helen, deceased; Roy; Clyde; Alvin. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain enjoy the respect of all with whom they are associated.

GAMBLE

Nearly a century ago John Gamble came to Western Pennsylvania, settling in Allegheny county, where prior to 1830 he bought a farm in what is now Forward township. There the present representative of the family, Hezekiah D. Gamble, now lives and there he and his father were born.

John Gamble bought his farm of two hundred and twenty acres when it was virgin forest, and his after life was devoted to clearing and improving his purchase. He erected good buildings and lived to see the greater part of it yielding bountiful crops. He was a justice of the peace for many years, and as "Squire" Gamble was widely known and a terror to evildoers. Both he and his wife Sarah were members of the Presbyterian church. Children: James, John, Oliver, Hiram, of further mention; Harvey, Sarah, Mary.

(II) Hiram, son of John and Sarah Gamble, was born at the Forward township homestead, and there died in 1898, aged seventy-three years. He aided in its clearing and cultivation as his father's assistant, and at the death of the latter inherited the property. He remodeled and enlarged the buildings and greatly improved the property, which was ever his home and chief interest. He is buried at Round Hill Cemetery, with his wife, who was a member of Round Hill Presbyterian Church. He married Jane Torrence, who died in 1884, aged fifty-two years, daughter of John Torrence and his wife, Mary Powers, old residents of Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, where both died. John Torrence was a farmer, and both are buried in Round Hill Cemetery. Children of Hiram and Mary Jane Gamble: 1. Hezekiah Douthitt, of further mention. 2. Power Torrence, an agent and collector of Avalon. 3. Elliott A., died in the west. 4. Oliver Perry, now

H. D. Gamble

residing on the west half of the old homestead farm. 5. Mary, died in youthful womanhood. 6. A child died unnamed.

(III) Hezekiah Douthitt, eldest son of Hiram and Mary Jane (Torrence) Gamble, was born on the homestead farm in Forward township, Allegheny county, now his home, July 21, 1853. He was educated in Pleasant View public school, and from boyhood aided his father in the cultivation of the home farm and for several years was its manager. Later he became owner of one hundred and ten acres of the homestead, and there still resides, engaged in general farming operations. He is a supporter of the Prohibition party and steadfastly supports its nominees.

Mr. Gamble married, in 1907, Mrs. Mary Lizzie (Brawley) Hickman, daughter of John and Martha (James) Brawley, of Athens county, Ohio, and widow of Daniel Hickman, of Coal Run, Washington county, Ohio. John Brawley is a farmer of Athens county, and both he and his wife (Martha James) descend from old Ohio families. Mrs. Brawley died in June, 1912. By her first husband Mrs. Gamble has three children: Hattie; Major Dewey, died in August, 1912; and Charles.

CORT

The record of this family, whose name was spelled Curth or Kurth in Germany, the homeland, and Kort or Cort in America, begins in America with the emigration of John Yost Kurth. He was a son of John and Elizabeth Curth, of Biedenbach, province of Westphalia, Prussia, Germany, in which locality many bearing the name now live. It is believed that the family is of French origin and that members thereof, either Protestants or Reformed church believers, sought shelter in the western provinces of Germany, others finding refuge in Great Britain and Holland.

(II) John Yost Kurth was born in Biedenbach, province of Westphalia, Prussia, November 16, 1737, and was baptized November 24 of that year, his sponsor being John Yost Hofer, assistant judge of the parishes of Ferndorf and Crombach. He came to America in the year that he attained man's estate, 1758, the reason for his emigration probably being the desire to escape conscription for military service. Either on the voyage or shortly before or after that event, he became acquainted with Dr. David Marchand, a Huguenot surgeon of the French army, whose fortunes were closely intricated with those of John Yost Kurth thereafter, the two men marrying sisters. They resided for a time in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, then moved to Washington county, Maryland, in which place there was a considerable settlement of German Reformed people as early as 1746, the pioneer Reformed church preacher, Martin Schlatter, ministering to them soon after his arrival in that year as superintendent of German Reformed congregations in America. John Yost Kurth, accompanied by Dr. Marchand, moved thence to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and settled at Port Royal, near West Newton, soon making his home upon a large farm, about two miles south of Adamsburg, where he and his wife resided until death. John Yost Kurth was in charge of Fort Marchand during the

Indian wars, that place serving as an asylum for the women and children when the savages were troublesome, the fort being located several miles from the Kurth homestead. John Yost Kurth was noted for his piety and integrity, and was highly esteemed by his neighbors. He died November 22, 1827, his wife, Margaret (Kemerer) Kurth, born near Hagerstown, Maryland, in 1751, dying the following year, 1828. Children of John Yost and Elizabeth (Kemerer) Kurth (the name hereafter will be spelled Cort, in deference to the usage of the line following): 1. Frederick, married and moved to Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where he died in 1850, aged eighty-two years, the father of two sons and four daughters. 2. Susannah, married Michael Kunkle, and had numerous children, most of whom settled in the west. 3. Catherine, married John Baughman, many of his descendants living in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. 4. Hannah, married John Knappenberger, her children making their homes in Westmoreland county. 5. Elizabeth, married Leonard Croninger, their descendants living in the west. 6. Joseph, married a cousin, a Miss Gross, and after occupying a part of the homestead for many years moved to the vicinity of Quincy, Illinois, where his children remained. 7. Daniel, of whom further.

(III) Daniel Cort, son of John Yost and Elizabeth (Kremerer) Kurth, was born at Port Royal, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, March 5, 1780, died at West Newton, in the same county, May 1, 1859. After his marriage he resided on a part of the old homestead until October, 1854, then moved to West Newton, Pennsylvania, where he lived until his death. Both he and his wife are buried in the cemetery on the bank of the Youghiogheny river. He married, October 4, 1803, Elizabeth, born in Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1786, died March 11, 1860, daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Miller) Turney (more correctly spelled Dorney). The Dorneys, doubtless Huguenots, emigrated from Holland to eastern Pennsylvania. Daniel Dorney was born in 1750, his wife in 1759, and after their marriage they moved to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, locating near Hannastown, his death occurring in 1802, Margaret (Miller) Dorney dying in Kittanning, Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, in 1829. Children of Daniel and Elizabeth (Dorney) Cort: 1. Margaret, born July 24, 1804, married Jacob Baughman, and had thirteen children, one of their sons, William, moving to Iowa and becoming a member of the legislature of that state; another, Henry, a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War, being wounded in the battle of Fair Oaks and dying from the effects of his injuries three years after the cessation of hostilities. 2. Joseph, born November 3, 1805, married Mary Skelly, her father, William, a soldier of the War of 1812, her maternal grandfather, Jacob Byerly, a soldier of the Continental army in the Revolutionary War; Joseph Cort was a merchant and farmer and for several years owner of the *Pennsylvania Argus*, published in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania; one of his sons is Cyrus, a well-known author and divine of the Reformed church, and in 1895 chaplain of the Delaware state senate. 3. Hannah, born July 25, 1807, married (first) George Byerly;

(second) Samuel Zimmerman. 4. Jacob, born September 2, 1809, married Jane Mary Carson, and died October 13, 1855. 5. Simon, born November 8, 1811, died in California in March, 1907; married Sophia Hardin; he was one of the founders of the Presbyterian church in the Rocky mountains; first elder of the first congregation in Denver, Colorado; helped in the organization of the first Presbyterian Synod; was several times delegate to the general assembly; his daughter, Mary Lavina, one of his thirteen children, was missionary helper and teacher in the Presbyterian Mission School at Petchaburi, Siam, for seventeen years, during which time she gained a complete mastery of the vernacular and wrote a number of valuable books on the country. 6. Daniel, born November 1, 1813, married Sarah Buchman; he was founder of the town of Zwingle and father of the Reformed church in that place. As a member of the Iowa legislature he played a prominent part in the suppression of legislation in favor of the railroads, whereby charters for operation for all time, at a fixed and nominal rate of taxation, would have been granted to four trunk lines. 7. Eliza, born December 5, 1815, married John W. Marshall, and had seven children. 8. Lavina, born October 28, 1817, married James Marsh, and died in October, 1857, the mother of four children. 9. Catherine, born February 13, 1820, died May 23, 1887; married Lewis Kline. 10. Albert, born April 15, 1882, died at Zwingle, Dubuque county, Iowa, December 18, 1898; married Maria Eisamen, and had ten children. 11. Rev. Lucian, of whom further. 12. John, born March 5, 1826, died unmarried September 27, 1851, from accidental injuries. 13. Lucetta, born October 26, 1828, married George Plummer, and is living in West Newton, Pennsylvania. 14. Amanda, born June 15, 1832, married James F. McQuaid.

(IV) Rev. Lucian Cort, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Dorney) Cort, was born at Adamsburg, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1824. After his ordination to the ministry of the Reformed church he was for a time located at Harmony, Pennsylvania, later devoting his time and talents to educational work. He was a gentleman of broad culture and found the latter field most congenial and enjoyable, being at different times connected in official capacity with some of the leading institutions of higher learning in the state. At one time Rev. Cort filled the chair of mathematics in a college in Dubuque, Iowa, and upon his return to the east conceived and brought into being Clarion Collegiate Institute, at Rimersburg, Pennsylvania, of which he was the owner for several years. A natural teacher and an instructor of force and power, he reserved for himself a place upon the faculty of this institution, and by this relation to the student body gained an insight into and a sympathy with undergraduate life and problems invaluable to him in maintaining the spirit of co-operation and the oneness of purpose that must exist between teachers and pupils for a successful school. After severing his connection with this institution, Rev. Cort became superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home, in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, then went to Allentown, Lehigh county, Pennsylvania., where he was connected with the Allentown Female Seminary, and subsequently

became identified with Juniata Collegiate Institute, at Martinsburg, Pennsylvania. After selling this institute he founded the Greensburg Seminary, at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, retaining his interest in that institution until his retirement from active life. He died at Scottdale, Pennsylvania, aged eighty-four years. Rev. Cort was a minister of sincere and earnest convictions, a preacher easy and convincing in expression, and an educator who held true to the highest aims of education, striving not only to fill the minds of the students in his care with learning, but endeavoring to teach them to think and live to noble ends.

He married (first) ———— ————. He married (second) Harriet Scott, born at Scotts Mills, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He married (third) Mrs. Sabina Ochs, a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania. Children of his second marriage: 1. Monica, married J. D. Evans, deceased, and lives in Scottdale, Pennsylvania. 2. John Calvin, of whom further. Children of his third marriage: 3. Hulda, married O. R. Snyder, Esq., and resides in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. 4. Nevin A., an attorney, of Greensburg, Pennsylvania, his home being in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania. 5. Ada, married Joseph McIlvaine, and lives in Scottdale, Pennsylvania.

(V) Dr. John Calvin Cort, son of Rev. Lucian and Harriet (Scott) Cort, was born in Rimersburg, Clarion county, Pennsylvania, September 8, 1860. He was educated in the Greensburg Seminary, of which his father was the founder and owner, and subsequently became assistant principal and professor of mathematics and languages. His studies for the medical profession were begun in the office of Dr. J. W. Anawalt and completed in the medical department of the University of Maryland, whence he was graduated March 17, 1885. For two years subsequent to his graduation he was in practice in Salisbury, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, then in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, for a like time, subsequently moving to Butler county, where he remained in pursuit of his profession until 1902. In that year he became one of the first settlers in Clairton, Allegheny county, and the growth of that place has measured the steady and vigorous increase in his professional activity. He is now a member of the Clairton Board of Health, and formerly held membership in the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. In Westmoreland and Butler counties he belonged to the local medical societies, and while a resident of Evans City, in the latter county, he was for ten years surgeon for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. His prestige in medical circles is based on firmer foundations than his popularity, on certain knowledge and extensive experience. He is a Republican in political sympathy, and served two terms as a member of the Clairton School Board, being president of that body at the time of the building of the splendid and finely equipped high school building. Dr. Cort is familiar with educational methods and systems and advised wisely and led with confident assurance the movement for an increasingly better school system in the town.

Dr. Cort married, April 2, 1890, Lydia R., daughter of Captain Austin G. and Harriet (Robinson) Lynch, granddaughter of Patrick Lynch, a

soldier in the American army in the War for Independence. Dr. and Mrs. Cort are the parents of one son, Austin L., who received the degrees A. B. and M. D. from the University of Pittsburgh, the former in 1911, the latter in 1914, now an interne in the Allegheny General Hospital.

PHILLIPS

The name is spelled in a variety of forms, and is of ancient and classical origin, being derived from the Greek "Philoshippos," or horse-lover. In Wales and other parts of Great Britain its use as a surname has continued for a long period, evidently for five hundred years, and perhaps much longer. Families and individuals of this name commenced to emigrate from the Old World at a very early date in the history of this country, as early as 1630, and even a little earlier, and located at different points near the sea coast, more especially in New England. From that time to the present they have continued to multiply and spread, until they are now to be found in every state from Maine to California. Pennsylvania has not remained without its full share of those bearing the name of Phillips, but the exact date of their coming is not known, nor where they first located.

(I) John Phillips was of Welsh descent, and came over the mountains to Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, many years ago. He settled on a farm of one hundred acres in what was then Elizabeth township. This was practically a wilderness at the time he acquired the land and he cleared a portion of it, and erected a stone house, which is still occupied at the present time. He and his wife were members of the Presbyterian church. They are buried in Edmundson graveyard. They had children: John, of further mention; Rebecca, married James Leech, and died on an adjoining farm; Ezra, died on a farm near Newcastle, Lawrence county, Pennsylvania; Jane, married Abel Walker, and died in McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

(II) John (2) Phillips, son of John (1) Phillips, was born in 1811, and died in 1849. He bought out the others who were heirs to the homestead, cleared more of it and died in the old stone house erected by his father. He was a Whig in politics, a member of the Presbyterian church, and a great and powerful advocate of temperance principles. He married Mary Edmundson, born in 1817, died in 1891. She was a daughter of William and Jane (Muse) Edmundson, the former born in Eastern Pennsylvania, settling in Glassport, Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, before his marriage. He purchased one hundred acres of land and improved this, the ruins of a log house still marking his place of residence. He and his wife were Presbyterians. They are buried in the Edmundson Cemetery near Glassport. Their children were: Isaac, a tailor, who lived and died in McKeesport; Sinclair, whose life was spent on a farm near Elizabeth; Hiram, died in McKeesport, where he was a retired farmer; Caleb, a farmer, died in Forward township; Jane, married Andrew McClure, died while living on the McClure homestead; Rebecca, married Hugh Dougherty, and died in Columbus, Indiana; Catherine, married Joel Peobles, and died at Elizabeth, Pennsylvania; Mary, who married Mr. Phillips. Mr. and Mrs. Phil-

lips had children: Eliza Jane, who died unmarried in McKeesport; Franklin John, a retired grocer, living in McKeesport; Adeline, married Jerry McGrew, who died in McKeesport; William Prosper, of further mention.

(III) William Prosper Phillips, son of John (2) and Mary (Edmundson) Phillips, was born in the old stone house on the Phillips homestead, in Liberty borough, June 24, 1849. The public schools of Elizabeth township furnished his education, and his entire life has been spent on the homestead. When he attained maturity he purchased all the interests of the others heirs to this property. Later he sold a portion of it for building purposes, there now being a number of small houses located on the original homestead, but he retained about sixty acres for his own use for general farming purposes. He is a man of great business and executive ability and has been prominently identified with numerous important enterprises. He was one of the original stockholders of the Thirteenth Street Bridge, a toll bridge, and was secretary of the board controlling it for many years. For many years he has been an active worker in the interests of the Republican party. He has been a member of the school board of Portvue borough, and secretary of this body; a member of the council of the same borough; also assessor. He owns property in Florida; in Chautauqua, New York; in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and in Portvue borough. The home place now lies for the greater part in Liberty borough, which has only recently been separated from Portvue. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church, in which he has been an elder and trustee many years. For some years he was a member of the Royal Arcanum, but no longer affiliates with that body.

Mr. Phillips married, April 10, 1872, Angeline, born near Newcastle, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Isaiah and Ann (Young) Johnston, an old family of the state. They have had children: John Isaiah, died at the age of one year; Ada M., married E. N. McMichael, and died in Portvue borough, leaving children: Ethel Romaine and Helen May; Caleb H., was killed in a street car wreck, was a street car motorman, lived in Youngstown, Ohio, married Laura Hughes, and left children: Blanche, Irene and Edna Anna; Mary I., married Charles Sinn, a merchant, of Portvue borough; Herbert, died at the age of seventeen years; Edna A., married Robert Stevenson, has a son, Robert, and lives in Dravosburg, Pennsylvania; Mabel Blanche, married D. M. Patterson; Viola Angeline, married Edgar Patterson, lives in Liberty borough; Prosper Morrelle, and William Roy, living with parents.

SINN

The family bearing the name of Sinn was resident in Wuertemberg, Germany, for many generations, and brought to this country the sterling qualities which had characterized their ancestors, and made them worthy and esteemed citizens in the mother country.

John Sinn, born in Wuertemberg, Germany, February 6, 1806, died in Liberty borough, McKeesport, Pennsylvania, in 1891. He was married in his native land, and in 1867, with his wife, children and father-in-law,

came to this country. He settled in what is now Liberty borough, but at that time was known as Elizabeth township, and there he retired from business after he had amassed a competence. He married Louise Freathover, born in Wuertemberg in 1805, died in Liberty borough in 1870. Both were members of the Lutheran church. Mrs. Sinn was a daughter of Jacob and Regina Freathover, both born in Wuertemberg, where the latter died. Mr. Freathover, at the age of eighty-seven years, came to this country with his son-in-law, Mr. Sinn, and his family, and died while living with his son Michael, in Lincoln township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He had children: Louise, who married Mr. Sinn; Johanna, married (first) Gottlieb Schmidt, (second) a Mr. Heisterman, and died in Brownsville, Pennsylvania; Caroline, married Gottlieb Spahr, and died in Germany; Christena, died in Germany at the age of twenty years; Katherine, married Peter Gebhart, and died in North Versailles township; John, a wagon maker, died in McKeesport; Michael, a nail maker by trade, but later a miner and farmer, died in Lincoln township. Mr. and Mrs. Sinn had nine children, of whom three died in infancy in Germany, the others being: Fredericka, married Christian Glotz, and died at Portvue; John, a miner, died in North Versailles township; Louise, widow of Jacob Diehl, lives in Liberty borough; Caroline, married Henry Lukhart, and died in McKeesport; Gottlieb, a miner and farmer, died in Versailles township; Ludwig, of further mention.

Ludwig Sinn, son of John and Louise (Freathover) Sinn, was born in Wuertemberg, Germany, December 13, 1845. He received his education in the public schools of his native country, coming to America in 1867 with his parents. For a period of nine years he was employed as a miner, then rented a small farm and cultivated this for a time, and by his thrift and frugality accumulated a small capital. He then, in partnership with his brother Gottlieb, purchased two hundred and eleven acres of land in what was then Elizabeth township, and commenced farming this. At the end of two years his brother died, and Ludwig Sinn purchased his interests from his heirs, and has been the sole proprietor of this farm since that time. He sold a portion of the land, but still owns about one hundred and seventy-five acres. This is cultivated for general market produce, and he makes a specialty of dairy farming. In 1907 he built a fine dwelling house on Liberty way, a paved road. He is a strong supporter of the Republican party, and his religious affiliation is with the German Lutheran church, of which he and his wife are members. He married, in 1870, Maria Margarete Charle, born in Wuertemberg, died in McKeesport, June 3, 1907. She was a daughter of Christopher and Margarete Charle, and came to America in 1868 with her widowed mother. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Sinn: Caroline, married Godfrey Dannenhauer, and lives on her father's homestead; Charles, a dairyman and merchant, living at Portvue; Lewis, a machinist, living with his father; John, a carpenter, lives in McKeesport; Ernest, a farmer on the homestead; William, employed in the tin mills, lives with his father; Elizabeth, married Raymond Carr, lives in Liberty borough; Minnie, unmarried, lives with her father.

COLLINS

The Collins family, well represented in the vicinity of Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, were originally French Huguenots, drifting from France to Scotland, then to Ireland, from whence they emigrated to this country in 1640, locating in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

(I) Cornelius Collins, the first of the line here under consideration of whom we have definite information, purchased a farm in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in the year 1756, located three miles from Quarryville, and there resided until his death, in 1778. He married Mary Speer, who was a half-sister of the wife of James Buchanan, and among their children was David, of whom further.

(II) David Collins, son of Cornelius Collins, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, died in York county, Pennsylvania. In addition to operating a farm, he followed the trade of blacksmith, thereby providing a comfortable living for his family. He served in what was called the "Light Horse Company" in the War of 1812, thus displaying his patriotic spirit. He was a Republican in politics. He married Dorcas Neel, born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas Neel, who, with five brothers, served in the Revolutionary War, two of the brothers being later killed by Indians near Turtle Creek, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Thomas Neel attained the rank of lieutenant, and at the battle of Germantown carried Captain Marshal, either dead or alive, on his back for a distance of about a mile. He was a member of the Fifth Company of Colonel Watson's battalion. Some of his brothers were killed at the battle of Germantown. The Neel family located in York county, Pennsylvania, prior to the Revolution, and many of their descendants reside in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Thomas Neel was the father of twelve children, Dorcas, abovementioned, being the sixth or seventh in order of birth. The members of the Neel family were Democrats in politics.

(III) David (2) Collins, son of David (1) Collins, was born in York county, Pennsylvania, April, 1808. He attended the common schools in the vicinity of his home, and in 1835 had the first coal incline in this section of the country, located opposite McKeesport, sending a portion of his coal to New Orleans. In 1850 he purchased a farm in Penn township, where the family still resides, and this he operated successfully until his death in the year 1895. In his early life he learned the trade of stone mason, but this not proving to his liking, he never worked at it, securing employment in the mills. He was a self-made man, his success in life being the result of his own unaided efforts, he possessing from the beginning a determination to succeed. He was a Presbyterian in religion, and an Abolitionist in politics, and during the Civil War served one term as county commissioner of Allegheny county. Mr. Collins married, in 1836, Mary Manifold, of York county, Pennsylvania, granddaughter of Joseph Manifold and Major Alexander Turner, both of whom were soldiers in the Revolutionary War, and the former named, after the war, returned to Duquesne, Pennsylvania, where he married and where he spent the remainder of his life. Children of Mr.

and Mrs. Collins: 1. Dorcas R., became the wife of James L. McDowell. 2. Elizabeth G., became the wife of Rev. James A. Marshall. 3. David H., enlisted his services in behalf of his country during the Civil War, was taken sick, and shortly after his return home died as a result of that sickness. 4. George W., also served in the Civil War, and died a prisoner in South Carolina. 5. Cassius C., served during the Civil War; married Lyde Elder, of Elders Ridge, Pennsylvania. 6. Joseph, enlisted in the Civil War at the age of sixteen years and completed his term; married Leanore Shaffer; died in Kansas City, July 7, 1911. 7. Emma. 8. Ralph, resides on the home farm, which he operates in conjunction with his brother, Robert A. 9. Helen Manifold, now deceased, was the wife of S. M. Brinton. 10. Robert A., operates the home farm in conjunction with his brother, Ralph. Two other children died in infancy. In addition to the four brothers abovenamed, who served in the Civil War, they had twenty-nine first cousins who also served in the same conflict.

DUNCAN

The Duncan family is one of the foremost in Scotland, and is believed to be of ancient Norse origin. Before 1700 the family was well established in Forfarshire, Scotland. In the Duncan family are held the earldoms of Camperdown, Gleneagles and Lundie; the viscountcy of Duncan; the barony of Lundie, and many distinguished men of this family have lived in Scotland during the past few centuries. In 1861 the census showed that of the name Duncan twelve thousand four hundred and sixty-seven persons lived in Scotland. In 1890 forty-one children of this name were born in Ireland, of whom twenty-five were in the Scotch counties of Antrim and Tyrone. A branch of the family went from Scotland to these counties in the North of Ireland as early as 1700.

(I) William Duncan, a native of Glasgow, Scotland, passed his entire life there. He was the organizer and owner of a foundry, and achieved prominence in his line of industry, being frequently consulted as an expert. He married Jeannette Todd, born in the same city as her husband, and they had children: Jean, who married Alexander MacAlpine, and died in Sandusky, Ohio; Mary, married Archibald Patterson, and died in Kansas; James, a shipbuilder, died in Glasgow; William, a mechanic, died in Indianapolis, Indiana; George.

(II) George Duncan, son of William and Jeannette (Todd) Duncan, was born in Scotland, and became an engineer in Glasgow for the Oriental Gas Company of London. He had charge of numerous important works, among them being the installation of gas works at Turin, Italy; Smyrna, Asia Minor; and Calcutta, India. Upon the completion of the last named piece of work he returned to Glasgow and was engaged in business independently for a period of three years. In 1872 he came to America, settled in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and there became foreman of the machine shops of the National Tube Works, which was then just starting on its magnificent career. This position Mr. Duncan held until his death on March 15,

1884. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Presbyterian church, and of the Knights of Honor. Mr. Duncan married Mary MacCurdy, who married (second) John Hayne, of Braddock, and died April 4, 1902. She was a daughter of Robert MacCurdy, born in Duntoucher, Renfrewshire, Scotland, who was a soldier in the British army, and the father of Archibald, also a soldier in the British army. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan: George of further mention; Archibald, a mill superintendent, lives in McKeesport; Cornelius, foreman in a machine shop, lives in McKeesport; James, superintendent of the Buttweld Mill, lives in McKeesport; Mary, died in girlhood.

(III) George (2) Duncan, son of George (1) and Mary (MacCurdy) Duncan, was born in Glasgow, Scotland, January 21, 1864. The greater part of his school education was acquired in the public schools of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and upon its completion he was apprenticed in the machine shops of the National Tube Works. He became successively journeyman, foreman and superintendent of the Buttweld Mill, and in 1901 was made master mechanic and assistant general superintendent of the tube mills, a responsible position he is still filling, having control of more than four hundred and fifty men. In political matters, he is a Republican, and a member of the Central Presbyterian Church. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Knights Templar, Syria Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., also a member of the Knights of Pythias, and a member of the Youghiogheny Country Club. Mr. Duncan married, in 1888, Anna, born in McKeesport, a daughter of Louis and Margaret Held, and they have one daughter, Annie Sinclair, has attended the McKeesport High School.

KEARNEY

The family of Kearney, well and favorably known in McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and its vicinity, is an old and honored one, and the members in the various generations have well performed the responsible duties which have devolved upon them.

(I) Edward C. Kearney, married and had children: James; David; Edward C., of whom further; Emma, married James Malloy, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and one other.

(II) Dr. Edward C. (2) Kearney, son of Edward C. (1) Kearney, was born in Monongahela City, Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1844, and died in August, 1903. Upon the completion of his studies in the schools of his native city, he commenced the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. Stuckslager, of McKeesport, and then became a student at the Cleveland Medical College, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He then took a further course in the Johns Hopkins College, from which he was also graduated. He commended the active practice of his chosen profession in Dravosburg, Pennsylvania, removing from there thence to McKeesport, where he spent the remainder of his life, about twenty years. He was a skillful practitioner, won and held the esteem of his many patients, as well as the confidence and

good will of his medical brethren. He took an active part in public affairs, his influence for good being felt in many directions, was a prominent member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and a staunch Democrat in political opinion, serving his party on many occasions. He married Mary Jane Stone, living at the present time (1914) at No. 1412 Manor avenue, McKeesport. She is a daughter of William Aylsbury and Mary Jane Stone, he a native of England, and after they came to Pittsburgh he engaged in the coal business, being the first man to float coal to New Orleans, and the owner of five steamboats for that purpose. He amassed a considerable fortune by this means. He died on the ocean while making a trip to England, and his wife died at Dravosburg. They were the parents of six children besides Mrs. Kearney: Joseph A., deceased; George W., deceased; William S., deceased; John W.; Thomas B., engaged in the hardwood lumber business in Cincinnati, Ohio; Elizabeth. Mr. Stone named his boats for his children, and also named one the "Coal Valley." Dr. and Mrs. Kearney had children: Edward C., who married Alice Hunter, of McKeesport, and had children: Edward C. and Alice Louise; William Stone, of further mention; Charles E.

(III) William Stone Kearney, son of Dr. Edward C. (2) and Mary Jane (Stone) Kearney, was born in Stonesburg, Pennsylvania, July 31, 1877. His earliest years were spent in the town of his birth and he then attended schools in McKeesport, both grammar and high school, and then matriculated at the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in the class of 1900, with degree of A. M. In the same year he was one of the organizers of the Glassport Trust Company, was chosen cashier, secretary and treasury of this corporation, and is still filling this responsible office. He has a beautiful home at No. 1412 Manor avenue, McKeesport. He is a Democrat politically, and a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. He married, November 14, 1906, Mary Ann Griffiths, of Washington, Pennsylvania, and they have become the parents of children: Elizabeth Griffiths, Mary Jane, William Stone Jr.

DOUDS

The father and grandfather of Alexander Wilson Douds, of East McKeesport, Pennsylvania, were of Armstrong and Washington county residence, the former born in that county, at what is now Canonsburg, a borough of several thousand population, on the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, twenty-two miles southwest of Pittsburgh.

There James Douds was born in 1809, his wife, Eliza Johnson, was born nearby in 1810. After their marriage they moved to Armstrong county, four miles from Saltsburg, but in Armstrong county, Saltsburg being in Indiana county on the Kiskiminetas river, twenty-eight miles east from Pittsburgh. There James Douds erected a shop and plied his trade of cooper until life ended. Both he and his wife were members of the United Presbyterian church and he a Democrat. James Douds died in 1861, his wife surviving him one year. They had twelve children, three of whom died in

infancy. The nine who lived to mature years are: 1. Robert, a Union veteran of the Civil War, now residing on his farm in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, aged seventy-eight years. 2. James, a comrade in arms of his brother, was captured and confined in the Andersonville prison pen, succumbing there to the miseries of that inferno. 3. Rachel Ann, married Thomas M. Waddell and died at Turtle Creek, Pennsylvania. 4. Margaret J., married W. M. Kuhns and died at Turtle Creek. 5. Sarah, married Robert Sylves and died at Turtle Creek. 6. Samuel, also a veteran Union soldier, died at Saltsburg, Pennsylvania. 7. Joseph, a mill worker, died in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. 8. Alexander Wilson, of further mention. 9. Mary, married Robert Painter and resides at Export, Pennsylvania.

Alexander Wilson Douds, son of James and Eliza (Johnson) Douds, was born at the Armstrong county homestead of his parents, March 16, 1853. He attended the public schools in both Armstrong and Indiana counties and for a few years in early manhood engaged in mining. In 1881 he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad, continuing with that company for nine years, rising from brakeman to conductor. After leaving the employ of the Pennsylvania, he was proprietor of a hotel at Turtle Creek for two years, then became engaged as a contractor, a business which he successfully conducted until 1904, when he retired. After his retirement he purchased a home in the borough of East McKeesport, where he now resides. A Republican in politics, Mr. Douds served the borough of Turtle Creek two years as collector of taxes and for three years was a member of the borough council. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Junior Order of American Mechanics and both he and his wife are communicants of the Lutheran church.

He married (first) in 1879, Caroline Jenkner, born in Port Perry, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, daughter of John and Barbara Jenkner. Mrs. Douds died March 5, 1899. Children: 1. Stella, married Frank Philips and resides in Cleveland, Ohio; children: Caroline, Franklin and Alice May, the latter deceased. 2. George D., in railroad employ, residing with his parents. 3. Rachel, married A. K. Roberts and resides at Turtle Creek; children: Caroline and Homer. 4. May, married W. R. Kennedy and resides in Turtle Creek. 5. Alexander, with the Westinghouse Air Brake Company, residing with his parents.

Mr. Douds married (second) August 19, 1913, Mrs. Anna A. (Patterson) Farrell, a daughter of James and Abbie (Greer) Patterson, natives of Westmoreland county.

EVANS

James Evans, ancestor of Oliver Evans, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, was born in Wilmington, Delaware, February 12, 1775, of Welsh forbears and came to McKeesport in 1796, aged twenty-one years. There he married, in 1797, Emily, daughter of Hugh Alexander, a member of the Second Continental Congress and a member of the Pennsylvania House of Assembly, from Cumberland county, in 1776, and a member of the Conference of Deputies and of the Convention of July

15, 1776. Hugh Alexander was born in Scotland in 1724 and came to Pennsylvania in his youth. He was a farmer of Cumberland county, in that part now Perry county. In 1752 he married Martha Edmiston and in 1773 married a second wife, Mrs. Letitia Thompson, who bore him James, and William (twin) and a daughter, Emily (twin), who married James Evans. After Hugh Alexander died his widow and two children, James and Emily, came to Western Pennsylvania, locating their home in Allegheny county, where she died.

James and Emily Evans, after their marriage, lived for many years in McKeesport, on what is now Third avenue. Later he built a fine brick residence on Second avenue, near Walnut street, in which he lived until his death, January 30, 1846, aged seventy-one years. He was a hatter by trade and during his long life in McKeesport, was engaged as a merchant. He was one of the first elders of the Presbyterian church in McKeesport and a memorial window in the present church testifies to the worth of this pillar of the church in its earlier days. In 1820 he was appointed justice of the peace, the first man in McKeesport to hold that office, and was also the first postmaster of the town. He was a successful merchant and left his children large estate, including the Hill farm and lands in the West. His wife was also a devout Presbyterian, and after being left a widow resided until her death with her daughter in Allegheny City, now Pittsburgh North Side. Children: 1. Maria, born January 14, 1800, married Dr. George Huey, April 16, 1816, spent her entire life in McKeesport and there died in May, 1830. 2. John, born March 25, 1802, married Catherine Park and died April 25, 1852, a farmer. 3. Hannah, born April 20, 1804, married December 25, 1820, Hugh Rowland and died in McKeesport in May, 1871. 4. Emily, born November, 1806, died December 4, 1835. She married (first) Thomas Backhouse, (second) Dr. Robert McClellan, she died in Mt. Jackson, Pennsylvania. 5. Julianna, born in 1809, died in 1816. 6. James, born October 16, 1811, died in Wayne county, Michigan, on the farm inherited from his father. 7. Harriet, born March 26, 1814, died December 5, 1855. She married Daniel Kline. 8. Oliver, of further mention. 9. George Huey, born December 3, 1818, died September 15, 1844, a lawyer unmarried.

(II) Oliver Evans, son of James and Emily (Alexander) Evans, was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, November 22, 1816. He was educated for the medical profession at the University of Pennsylvania, but ill health overturned his plans and he was all his active life engaged in farming. He lived on the Hill farm, overlooking McKeesport, an estate inherited from his father. There he lived a quiet, retiring life, but was interested in all that pertained to progress and was one of the public spirited men, who contributed to the material prosperity of McKeesport. He was a good business man, managing well his affairs and was universally esteemed. Both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church of McKeesport, which he served as trustee all his mature life. He died in his seventy-third year. He married Mary Ann Sampson, who died about 1896, aged seventy-seven, daughter of Thomas and Annie (Kuhn) Sampson. Thomas Sampson was

a farmer of Versailles township, his farm of two hundred and fifty acres lying opposite Lincoln Way. He died aged forty-six years, his widow, who never again married, lived to about the age of eighty-five years. Children: Kuhn, Harvey, John, William, died in infancy; William, died in infancy; Mary Ann, married Oliver Evans, of previous mention; Margaret, Letitia, all of whom are deceased. Children of Oliver and Mary A. Evans: 1. James, an attorney, and organizer of the First National Bank, of McKeesport, died in 1910. 2. Thomas, a farmer, died in McKeesport. 3. Cadwallader, now a retired physician of Pittsburgh and very prominent. 4. Anna. 5. Oliver (2).

(III) Oliver (2) Evans, youngest son of Oliver (1) and Mary Ann (Sampson) Evans, was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, June 3, 1853. He was educated in the public schools and Millersville Normal School. At the age of nineteen, in 1872, he began farming on a farm of ninety-six acres, purchased for him by his father, and there he yet resides. He has prospered wonderfully and has added to his original acres many of those adjoining, until his estate now contains two hundred and fifty compact well improved fertile acres, on which he has erected a beautiful country residence. For many years he made a specialty of dairy farming, but since 1909 has lived retired at his comfortable home, overlooking a beautiful stretch of the Lincoln Highway, not far from McKeesport. He is a Democrat in politics, was township supervisor for five years and president of the school board nine years. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and both he and his wife are communicants of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Evans married, in 1873, Frances Cook, who died April 23, 1902, daughter of Eli and Kate (Arthurs) Cook, of McKeesport, of an old Allegheny county family. Children: 1. Oliver (3), a farmer of Westmoreland county, married Rebecca Williamson. 2. Catherine married Ivan G. Owens and resides in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. 3. Rebecca, died aged eighteen years. 4. Allen Eli, residing at home. 5. Mary, married H. B. Smith and resides at the home farm; has one child, Frances.

CALHOUN

At about the beginning of the war for independence, Adly Calhoun, a native of Ireland and the immigrant ancestor of this line of the Calhoun family, settled in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in which locality his descendants still reside. He secured from the government a patent for several hundred acres of land, and built thereon a large log house, which after it had outlived its usefulness as a dwelling was used as a shelter for farm machinery, now standing but almost a complete ruin. On this place Adly Calhoun passed his remaining years, cultivating his wide acres. He married and had children: 1. Jane, died in girlhood. 2. Nancy, died unmarried, aged eighty-four years. 3. Mary, married a Mr. Clugston, and died near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 4. Margaret, died in girlhood. 5. John, of whom further.

(II) John Calhoun, son of Adly Calhoun, was born in the log home in

Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He was reared at the family home, and being the only son, inherited the entire tract upon his father's death. After his marriage he brought his wife to the farm and lived in the old log house until his death, which occurred in June, 1849. He completed the clearing of the farm, and lived prosperously and comfortably, his agricultural operations uniformly successful. He married Margaret, born in Ohio, daughter of Adly Calhoun, a native of Ireland, who passed his life as a farmer in Ohio. She died in April, 1849, two months prior to the death of her husband. Children: 1. Adly, a minister of the Presbyterian church, died aged twenty-seven years. 2. Mary A., married John K. Graham, and died in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 3. John, a farmer, died in young manhood. 4. Nancy, married Thomas Rankin and died in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county. 5. James, proprietor of a saw-mill, died aged forty-nine years. 6. Thomas, a farmer, died in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 7. Moses, a farmer, died in Washington county, Pennsylvania. 8. Alexander, of whom further.

(III) Alexander Calhoun, son of John and Margaret (Calhoun) Calhoun, was born in Lincoln township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, September 27, 1839. He was reared on the home farm and obtained his education in the public schools. Upon the death of his father he fell heir to a portion of the old home property, and through purchase of a part of the share held by his brother James became the owner of a farm two hundred and twenty-five acres in extent. The land was well improved, James Calhoun having erected a comfortable home upon his property, in which Alexander Calhoun resided until his death, May 23, 1903. General farming was the line he followed during his active years, his fertile land giving large yields under his skillful cultivation. He held the confidence and favor of his neighbors, in his dealings with whom he was ever fair, courteous, and honorable. In political action he was a Democrat, serving for many years as school director of his township, and with his wife belonged to the Presbyterian church, in which he held the position of elder.

Mr. Calhoun married, January 2, 1862, Sarah, born in Lincoln township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 27, 1841, daughter of Francis and Martha (Curry) McClure. Francis was a son of Alexander and Sarah (McClure) McClure, Alexander a son of Richard McClure, who came to western Pennsylvania from the eastern part of the state, settling on the present site of Glassport.

Alexander McClure, son of Richard McClure, was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and after his marriage made his home on a farm upon which the borough of Port Vue has grown up. He and his wife, Sarah (McClure) McClure, were the parents of twelve children. Sarah was a daughter of Judge Francis and Margaret (McClure) McClure, who came from "east of the mountains" at an early date and settled first in Wheeling, West Virginia, later moving to Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Judge Francis McClure sat upon the bench of Allegheny county for many years, a just and popular jurist. Francis, son of Alexander and Sarah

(McClure) McClure, was born in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 7, 1807, died May 30, 1861. After his marriage he lived on a one hundred and twenty-two acre farm in the present township of Lincoln, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Both he and his wife, Martha (Curry) McClure, were members of the United Presbyterian Church. She was born in Coal Valley, Pennsylvania, April 1, 1812, died April 15, 1888, daughter of Robert and Mary (Barnes) Curry. Her grandfather was a soldier in the American army in the Revolutionary War, her parents born near Havre de Grace, Maryland, where they were married, moving first to West Virginia and afterward to Coal Valley, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Children of Francis and Martha (Curry) McClure: 1. Sarah, of previous mention, married Alexander Calhoun. She was educated in the schools of McKeesport and the Remington Academy. Since the death of her husband she has continued the family home. 2. Alexander, a farmer, died on the homestead in Allegheny county. 3. Nancy Belle, married Joseph Finney and resides in Lincoln township, Allegheny county. Mr. and Mrs. McClure had three other children, who died in infancy.

Children of Alexander and Sarah (McClure) Calhoun: 1. John Francis, an attorney of McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 2. Edward Alexander, lives on the home farm. 3. Robert Calvin, a court-house employee, lives in Lincoln township, Allegheny county. 4. Joseph Walter, manages the home farm. 5 Sarah Belle, married William C. Boyd, and lives in McKeesport, Pennsylvania.

BESTWICK

For over thirty-five years Jacob Bestwick, father of John H. Bestwick, of McKeesport, was sole proprietor of the tinning, sheet iron and roofing establishment that bore his name. This house is one of the oldest in the city and was formerly owned by Stewart & Bowman. In 1907 Jacob Bestwick turned the business over to his son, John H., by whom it is now successfully conducted as in former years.

Jacob Bestwick was born in New Brighton, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, July 25, 1846, son of Henry and Mary Bestwick. He was educated in the public schools and on attaining suitable age began learning the tinsmith's trade in Warren, Ohio. In 1863 he ran away from his employer and enlisted in Company K, Eighty-sixth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served one year and received an honorable discharge but in two months re-enlisted in a Pennsylvania regiment, served three months and then until the close of the war served with an independent company of scouts commanded by Captain J. K. Weaver. After the war he finished learning the tinsmith's trade, working for some time with his brother, Isaac, in New Brighton. Later he was admitted a partner, but after two years went west, remaining nine months. After his return from the west, he worked in Pittsburgh as foreman for W. W. Bradshaw, remaining two years, then locating in McKeesport. He there worked at his trade for two years with Stewart & Bradshaw, then about 1872 purchased their business and ran it under his own

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name most successfully for thirty-five years. In 1907 he retired, installing his son, John H., as his successor. The last two years of his life he devoted largely to travel, and shortly after returning from a trip to Florida was stricken with a fatal illness and died March 20, 1908. He was highly esteemed in his city as a business man and citizen and held high position in the Masonic order, being past master, past high priest and past eminent commander of lodge, chapter and commandery. He was also a Knight of Pythias, an Odd Fellow, an Elk and was past commander of Post No. 59, Grand Army of the Republic. Both he and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Bestwick married Catherine Burkett, who survives him, residing at No. 333 Penney avenue, McKeesport.

John H. Bestwick, only child of Jacob and Catherine (Burkett) Bestwick, was born in New Brighton, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1866. His parents moved to McKeesport when he was very young and there he was educated in the public schools and has there passed his subsequent life. He was taught the tinsmith's trade under his father's direction and to this added an expert knowledge of the other lines his father engaged in, sheet iron work, slate roofing, etc. He continued closely associated with his father in business, was virtually its head for several years prior to 1907, but on that date succeeded his father as sole owner. He has continued business along the same lines until the present date, has been very successful in all his undertakings and is rated one of the able, energetic, prosperous merchants of McKeesport. His business is large and he executes contracts and distributes goods all over Allegheny county. He is a Republican in politics, and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church. He belongs to the Elks, Knights of Pythias, Royal Arcanum, and is as popular a man as he is a successful merchant.

Mr. Bestwick married Mary Helen Peterson, daughter of Henry and Nancy (Thomas) Peterson, of McKeesport. She died June 17, 1909. Children: Catherine, died aged four months; two who died at birth; Jacob, a student at Mercersburg Academy; Catherine Margaret.

WYLIE

This name is one of fairly frequent occurrence in Ireland, and was probably brought to that country from Scotland during the times of religious persecution. It varies in its form, as Wylie, Wiley, Willey, Wyley, Wylley, etc.

(I) Samuel Wylie was born in the North of Ireland, emigrated to America, and was an early settler in Eastern Pennsylvania. Later he removed to Allegheny county, in the same state, settling in Mifflin township, on a farm of about five hundred acres which he had purchased there. He cleared a part of this, lived there until his death, and is buried in Round Hill Cemetery. He was a member of the Covenanter church. He married and had children: Elizabeth, born January 29, 1777; John, born June 4, 1778; James, born May 25, 1780, died in infancy; Margaret, born March 11, 1782; Samuel, born November 20, 1783; Sarah, born February 28, 1786; Mary, born May 25, 1787; Oliver, born February 20, 1790; Moses, twin of

Oliver; James, of further mention; Florence, born June 25, 1795; Rebecca, born September 28, 1797.

(II) James Wylie, son of Samuel Wylie, was born October 30, 1792, either in Ireland or America, and died near Wylie Station, Pennsylvania, in 1869. About 1818 he purchased a farm of one hundred and ten acres in Elizabeth township, cleared this and lived on it many years, in an old frame house. With this as a foundation he built, early in the sixties, a substantial brick house, still occupied by his widow, near Wylie Station. Mr. Wylie married (first) Mary Jane Parkhill, and had one daughter: Mary Jane, who married Charles Orr, has one son, and lives in Peoria, Illinois. He married (second) October 24, 1859, Elizabeth Calderhead Easton, born in Scotland, February 6, 1832, who came to this country with her parents in 1852. She is the daughter of John and Margaret (Lindsay) Easton, both natives of Lanarkshire, Scotland, the former born in 1800, died October 25, 1875, the latter born in 1806, died August 16, 1881. They emigrated to America about 1852, settling in Elizabeth, now Forward township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he was a shoemaker and miner, as he had been in his native land. Both were Covenanters, and both are buried in the Elizabeth Cemetery. Children: James, born August 8, 1824, died in March, 1890, at Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, was a coal miner, and had been an invalid many years; Thomas, born January 4, 1826, died December 26, of the same year; Thomas, born February 24, 1828, died May 18, 1860, in Elizabeth township, was a coal miner; Mary, born September 18, 1830, married John Russell, died in Elizabeth township, in December, 1888; Elizabeth Calderhead, mentioned above as having married Mr. Wylie; Margaret, born December 20, 1833, widow of William Kidney, lives in McKeesport; Jean, born December 8, 1836, died August 13, 1838; William, born March 15, 1838, died in Elizabeth, was in active service three years during the Civil War; John, born April 21, 1841, died September 27, 1844; Bryce, born August 23, 1843, enlisted during the Civil War, in August, 1862, in the One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and died of fever, October 5, 1862, at Sharpsburg, Maryland; Jean, born September 5, 1845, died August 9, 1847; Marion, born March 4, 1847, died March 21, ——, in Elizabeth township. Mr. and Mrs. Wylie had children: Samuel John, married Clara Heil, and lives on the homestead; James Renwick, in the real estate business in Wilkinsburg, married Laura Steele; Maggie Lindsay, born March 6, 1863, died January 18, 1889; Bryce Easton, of further mention; William Parkhill, a partner of Bryce Easton Wylie, his brother, lives in Elizabeth township, married Alma Tupman.

(III) Bryce Easton Wylie, son of James and Elizabeth Calderhead (Easton) Wylie, was born in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1864. He acquired his education in the public schools and at the Elizabeth Academy, and in 1887, in association with James Whitlatch, established the hardware business of Wylie & Whitlatch, the partnership lasting two years, and then Mr. Wylie bought out the interest of his partner. The business had been located on Market street, and Mr. Wylie then

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associated with himself his brother, William P., the firm name becoming Wylie Brothers. In September, 1889, they moved to their present location, and in 1901, they erected a three-story brick building, which now houses their business. They deal in stoves, farming implements, and in hardware and everything pertaining to it. Mr. Wylie is also vice-president of the State Bank of Elizabeth. He is Independent in local politics, and gives his allegiance to the Republican party in national affairs. As a member of the common council of the borough, he has served two terms. He and his wife are members of the United Presbyterian church, in which Mr. Wylie served as trustee for a number of years, and is now ruling elder; his fraternal connection is with the Improved Order of Heptasophs.

Mr. Wylie married, September 4, 1889, Laura Blanche, born in Elizabeth borough, a daughter of Charles and Melinda (Michiner) Thompson, and they have had children: Maude L.; Bryce E., in business with his father, married Pearl McGowan, and has one son, William P.; Margaret; Sherwin M.; Helen B.

MAGILL

The Magill family is of Scotch-Irish descent, and it is of record in this country since prior to the Revolution. The name was formerly spelled McGill and MacGill, the first of the name to come to America being John Macgill, who changed the name to McGill, and later it became Magill. He landed in Massachusetts, where there are many of the name at the present time, and from whence they spread to adjoining states and all over the Union. The Macgills were connected by ties of blood and a community of interests with the Campbell clan, Fergus Campbell coming to America with John Macgill. Owing to the frequent destruction of early records, it is not always possible to trace the connection of the present generations with the earlier ones in an uninterrupted manner, but there is every reason to suppose that all the Magills now in this country have had a common origin.

(I) John Magill was born in Baltimore, Maryland, where he learned the tailor's trade, and followed it in that city all his life, his death also occurring in that city.

(II) John Magill, son of John Magill, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and there received his education. He learned the tailor's trade under the auspices of his father, after a time removing to Venango county, Pennsylvania, and finally making his home in Illinois, where he died. He married Mary, born in Pennsylvania, a daughter of Benjamin and Mary Grossman, of German descent, who were farmers.

(III) William R. Magill, one of the seven children of John and Mary (Grossman) Magill, was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, February 8, 1862; attended the public schools, and spent two years in the high school at Millerstown, Pennsylvania. For a time he was then in the employ of the Keystone Oil Company, and in 1884 went to Pittsburgh, where he followed a variety of occupations. He was the general agent at Scott Haven for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, then became passenger agent

at McKeesport, and finally was engaged in the passenger department at Pittsburgh. In 1893 he started a building supply business in Braddock, although continuing to reside in Pittsburgh, and when he later became a building contractor, he removed to North Braddock, where he is now living. He is a man of many sided activity, is a director of the State Bank of North Braddock, and a member of the school board of the same community. His religious affiliation is with the First Presbyterian Church of Braddock, and he is a member of the Blue Lodge and Chapter of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons. Mr. Magill married, in 1891, Jennie E. Zimmerman, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, and they have had children: Charles R., Elizabeth, Elfreda Jane, Ruth and Sarah.

KAPTEINA

Jack Kapteina, whose entire life was passed in his native land, Germany, was a farmer by occupation. He was a soldier in the army during the wars of 1813-14. He married Mary Weyarek, also of Germany.

(II) Charles Kapteina, son of Jack and Mary (Weyarek) Kapteina, was born in Germany, and died there in 1866. He, also, was a farmer. He married Eva, a daughter of John Sakofski, who was the proprietor of a large hotel in Germany. Among their children were: John, of further mention; Charles, a soldier in the Franco-Prussian War of 1870-71, during which he was wounded, and later died from the effects of this wound; Gottlieb, also a soldier in the Franco-Prussian War, who is still living.

(III) John Kapteina, son of Charles and Eva (Sakofski) Kapteina, was born in Germany, April 16, 1852. He received a good education in the schools of his native country, and at the age of twenty years entered the German army, in which he served two and a half years. He then found employment in a plate glass factory, and followed this line of industry in Germany eight years. In 1880 he emigrated to America, where he settled at Creighton, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and, entering the employ of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, remained with them for a period of eighteen years, during the last five of which he held the position of foreman. He then formed a connection with the Heidenkamp Plate Glass Company, of Springdale, Pennsylvania, becoming foreman in the employ of this concern, and still holds this position. He has erected the fine home in which he is residing at the present time, and also the bank building in Springdale. He was one of the organizers of this bank, and has since its organization served it as a director. He is a Lutheran.

Mr. Kapteina married, in 1879, Jennie Barnofsky, of Germany, and they have had children: 1. Otto, married Grace Anderson, of Oil City, Pennsylvania; one child, Jane. 2. Martha, married Fred Berz, of Chicago, Illinois, who died December 25, 1914; was bevelling foreman of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, at Ford City, Pennsylvania; three children: Otto, Roland and Leonard. 3. Eleanora. 4. Alfreda. 5. John. 6. Edward. 7. Irene.

GANOE

The home of the Ganoe family in Pennsylvania has long been Clarion county, Thomas Ganoe, grandfather of Wilbur G. Ganoe, having been a carpenter and builder of that locality. There was not much room for the full exercise of his trade, planing mills being then a rarity in that section, so that the greater part of the buildings he erected were made from hewn logs. One of the children of Thomas Ganoe, J. W., was a soldier of the Civil War, and of another, Jerry, further mention is made.

(II) Jerry Ganoe, son of Thomas Ganoe, was born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, died in 1870. Throughout the most of his life he was an oil operator, and floated his product down the river to Pittsburgh prior to the construction of the railroad. He married Mary, born in Clarion county, Pennsylvania, daughter of John L. and Hettie (Mahew) McGee, her father a native of Clarion county, Pennsylvania, her mother born in New York State. John L. McGee was a farmer, cultivating a large tract of land, and was a son of Presley McGee, who is buried on the old homestead in Clarion county. Children of Jerry and Mary (McGee) Ganoe: Harry C.; Wilbur G., of whom further; Clara Jane, married Robert J. McDate.

(III) Wilbur G. Ganoe, son of Jerry and Mary (McGee) Ganoe, was born in Phillipsburg (now Philipston), Clarion county, Pennsylvania, in 1866. His father died when he was four years of age and two years afterward he entered the Allegheny Valley Orphan Asylum, there remaining for seven years. Leaving this institution he was employed on a farm until he was sixteen years of age, then learning the trade of spring-fitter in Pittsburgh, following this for two years. He subsequently moved to Oakmont, Pennsylvania, and there began the manufacture of ice cream, the humbleness of his beginning shown by the fact that his only apparatus for business was a six-quart freezer. This occupation failing in the winter season, he began the delivery of bottled milk, his trade growing until within three months the demand for his milk required thirty-five gallons a day for its satisfaction. When Mr. Ganoe erected his present ice cream plant he sold his dairy business, in its stead operating an ice manufacturing plant. His ice cream is of his own make, the recipes he uses in its mixing those that he has tested and found good, and for which he has been offered attractive prices. The output of his plant is from two to three hundred gallons per day, machinery having performed the work formerly done by hand since 1898. The business was incorporated in August, 1912, Mr. Ganoe being manager. The building formerly occupied by Mr. Ganoe's ice cream business he has converted into four dwellings, and he also owns the house in which he and his family live, where he has resided since coming to Oakmont.

The success that Mr. Ganoe has made of his business career is thorough and complete, an accomplishment that reflects credit upon his innate qualities of determination, industry, and application. His start in business was small, yet all that his limited capital permitted, and from this he has built a business flourishing and profitable, which he directs with wise judgment and

knowledge. Persistent application and unfailing courage have overcome the obstacles that have reared themselves before him, and he holds the commendation of his fellows for the victory he has wrested from fortune. He is a member of the Baptist church, and for the past twenty-four years has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

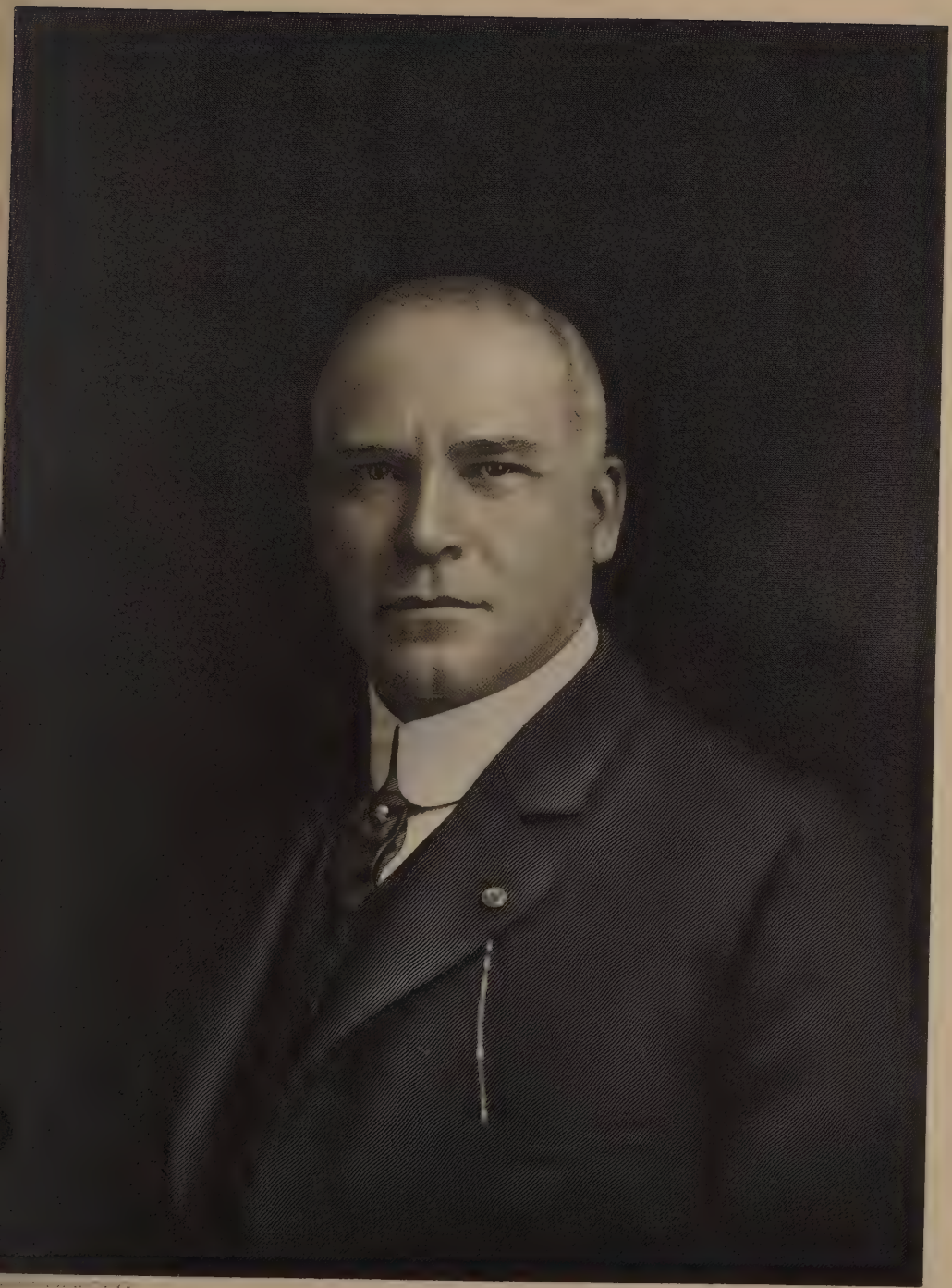
He married, February 24, 1898, Lillie, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, daughter of Theodore and Sophia (Holsten) Woernley, her parents natives of Germany who came to the United States in childhood, her mother now deceased. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Ganoe: Lillian Katherine and Dorothy Jane.

HEIDENKAMP

This is an old and honorable family of Germany, which has only recently been represented in this country, but to such excellent effect that the country has profited greatly by its advent here.

Henry Heidenkamp never left his native country, Germany, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. For some years he served in the German army. He married Annie Blome, and they became the parents of twelve children.

Joseph Heidenkamp, son of Henry and Annie (Blome) Heidenkamp, was born in Germany in 1863, and there acquired his education in the public and private schools, and also learned the art of manufacturing glass. From his earliest years he had displayed business ability of a high order, and foreseeing a better opportunity for advancement in the United States than could be found in his own country, he emigrated to America in 1882, and since that time has become prominently identified with the industrial life of the United States. He made his way to Tarentum, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there found employment with the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, with which he remained for a period of nine years, advancing from one position to another, his last being that of foreman in the mirror department. In 1891 he started the Tarentum Mirror and Art Glass Works, his entire working force consisting of himself, a man and a boy. From this small beginning grew what is now a very important concern. It was no great while before he was employing sixty men, and in 1900 he saw that it was necessary to increase his working capacity to a much greater extent than he could do in Tarentum. He then organized the Heidenkamp Mirror Company of Springdale, having purchased fifty acres of land there, facing the river, and erecting the first unit of the present group of buildings, this giving employment to one hundred and twenty men. Then another problem confronted him. There were no houses in Springdale to accommodate the large number of workmen he was bringing into the town. The simplest solution, according to the ideas of Mr. Heidenkamp, was to build houses for them, and this was done in as quick a manner as was consistent with good work. They were built of all sizes, to accommodate large and small families, and all with plenty of light and grounds about them. These he rented to his employees, and they are never empty. The rent that he demands is



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simply an amount sufficient to pay the cost of taxes and necessary repairs, for he is the friend as well as the employer of his people, and they have come to recognize the fatherly interest he takes in them. By means of this policy he has earned the love of his employees, and they work for him with greater faithfulness and diligence than could possibly be expected under ordinary conditions. Mr. Heidenkamp has been the first and only president of this corporation, which is now known as the Heidenkamp Plate Glass Company, and he is the owner of the majority of the stock. The company now gives employment to about three hundred and sixty men, and has a yearly output of about three million feet of glass. Their products are shipped to all parts of the country. For some time they have no longer manufactured mirrors, but have confined themselves to the manufacture of plate glass only. Mr. Heidenkamp is closely connected with a number of other important business enterprises, a partial list being as follows: Director and organizer of the Pottery & Cement Company of Pittsburgh, and the Pittsburgh Motor Gas Engine Company, and of the People's National Bank of Tarentum; organizer and president of the Springdale National Bank; director of the German National Bank of Pittsburgh, Lincoln National Bank of Pittsburgh, and German Club of Pittsburgh; and member of the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Country Club, Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce. His religious affiliation is with the Roman Catholic church, and he has served two terms as a member of the common council of Springdale. Mr. Heidenkamp married, in 1884, Louisa Baldus, of Germany, and they have had children: Annie, who is in a convent; Theresa; Mary; Elizabeth; Joseph; Louise.

TEEMER

The Teemer family at present resident in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, is of German-French origin, and displays the sterling qualities so characteristic of the inhabitants of both countries.

John Teemer was born in Prussia, near the river Rhine, in 1828, and died in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, January 28, 1898. Until the age of seventeen years his life was spent on a farm, and after he had completed his education, he worked in vineyards near his home. In order to escape military duty in the German army he then emigrated to America, going direct to Philadelphia, where his sister was living. There he followed the baker's trade for three years, then removed to McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he became a riverman, and followed this occupation all his life, for which strenuous work his enormous stature and extraordinary strength well fitted him. He floated some of the first coal that was ever transported in this manner down the Monongahela river. In 1879 he built a house at No. 324 Fourth avenue, which was his residence until his death. In politics he was a Democrat, and in religious belief a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Mr. Teemer married Margaret, born in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, June 18, 1840, a daughter of Frederick and Catherine (Gerber) Schano, whose history follows. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Teemer: 1. Frederick, a steel roller, lives in McKeesport; married Minnie

McCartney. 2. John, lives in Lorraine, Ohio, foreman of the National Tube Works there; was at one time the champion oarsman of the world in rowing contests; married Isabella Rogers. 3. Jacob, a heater for the National Tube Works, at Lorraine, Ohio; married Effie Whittaker. 4. Andrew, was with the National Tube Works; married Mayme Porter; lives in Pittsburgh. 5. William, a professor at the Carnegie Technical University; married Elizabeth Butler; lives in McKeesport. 6. Lena, married John Lager, a shearman at the rolling mill; lives in McKeesport. 7. Sylvester Leo, of further mention.

Sylvester Leo Teemer, son of John and Margaret (Schano) Teemer, was born in McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 27, 1879. His education was acquired at St. Peter's Parochial School in McKeesport, and when he left this institution at the age of fourteen years he engaged in the occupation of window dressing in dry goods stores, and followed this seven years. He then became a heater for the Carnegie Steel Company, at their Thirty-third street plant, in Pittsburgh, and remained there five years. In 1906 he established himself in the real estate business in Elwood City, Pennsylvania, and still has a well equipped office there. In 1913 he opened a branch office in McKeesport, and there handles local real estate, buys and sells houses as well as builds them. He is a staunch Republican in political opinion, a devout member of the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and belongs to the Catholic Mutual Beneficial Association, having been a member of this for the past seventeen years. Mr. Teemer is unmarried, and makes his home with his mother.

(The Schano Line.)

Frederick Schano was born in the village of Hamburg, Alsace-Lorraine, then a province of France, now German possession, December 25, 1801, and died in April, 1871. His earlier years were spent on the home farm, and later in life he entered the army, serving under Napoleon five years by enlistment, and five years as a substitute, but was never actively engaged in a battle. About 1834 he and his fiancee emigrated to America, and were married immediately after their arrival in this country. They soon left Pittsburgh and removed to Mifflin township, where he worked in the coal mines. In the spring of 1849 he removed with his family to McKeesport, where he built a small brick house on the Youghiogheny river at the foot of Fifth avenue, his son Frederick living in this at the present time, the house having been considerably enlarged since its was first erected. He and his family were Roman Catholics, and were communicants at a little church which stood on the present site of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church. He married Catherine Gerber, born in Hamburg, Alsace-Lorraine, September 7, 1806, died December 20, 1893. They had children: 1. Catherine, who died in 1900; married Andrew Stromer, and lived in McKeesport. 2. Margaret, married John Teemer (see Teemer). 3. Frederick, of further mention.

Frederick Schano, only son and youngest child of Frederick and Catherine (Gerber) Schano, was born in Mifflin township, Allegheny county,

Pennsylvania, September 7, 1841. In 1849 he came with his parents to McKeesport, where he attended a German school during the first year, then was a pupil in the little schoolhouse on wheels conducted by a Mrs. Markham. At the early age of twelve years he commenced working in the mines with his father, his work being that of driving the coal carts, which had dogs as the motive power. Until the age of twenty-eight years he continued to work in the mines near McKeesport. In 1881 he entered the employ of the National Tube Works, remained with them for a period of seven years, then retired. After the death of his father he purchased the interest of the other heirs to the homestead. He owns considerable real estate, and has erected a number of houses on land he owned. He has always been a staunch Republican since he voted for the re-election of Lincoln as president. He and his wife are members of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church.

Mr. Scharno married, August 4, 1895, Mrs. Mary (Lewis) Evans, born in the town of Chirawe, Wales, in 1848, a daughter of Morgan and Jane (Davis) Lewis, both natives of Wales; he died June 28, 1895, at the age of seventy-eight years, and she died March 15, 1907, at the age of eighty-eight years. In 1852 they emigrated to America, settling an Canago Falls, Ohio, where he was a coal miner many years. Later they removed to Alliance, where their deaths occurred. They had children: 1. David, a farmer in Beloit, Ohio. 2. William, a retired farmer, living in Alliance, Ohio. 3. Benjamin, a farmer at Beloit. 4. Mary, who married Mr. Schano, as above mentioned. 5. Harriet Harlan, lives on farm near Alliance. 6. Kate Buck, lives retired on a farm near Alliance. 7. Marian, married Walter Berlin, a teamster, lives in Alliance.

GILL

The Gill family of Western Pennsylvania date from the year 1772, the ancestor, John Gill, coming from Ireland in that year and with all the ardor of his Irish blood espousing the cause of his adopted country against the English.

John Gill was born in Ireland in 1748, died in Pennsylvania, January 9, 1822. He married, in Ireland, Jean Shaw, born in 1749, died April 27, 1841, remaining a widow nineteen years. In 1772 they came to this country, settling in Pennsylvania. John Gill served in the Revolutionary army, later moving to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Children: 1. Sarah, born in Ireland, September 4, 1769; married (first) Mark Deary, married (second) M. Rowan. 2. Elizabeth, born in Ireland, February 7, 1772, married John Gormly. 3. Ebenezer, born in Pennsylvania, October 9, 1774, married Agnes Mitchell. 4. Jonathan, born August 9, 1777, married Rachel Steen. 5. Isaac, born September 19, 1780, died unmarried. 6. Samuel, born March, 1783, died unmarried. 7. Jean, born January 23, 1786, married John McDowell. 8. Rebecca, born September 6, 1788, died unmarried. 9. John (2), of whom further.

(II) John (2) Gill, youngest child of John (1) and Jean (Shaw) Gill, was born in Pennsylvania, January 16, 1791, and became a farmer in Western Pennsylvania, residing in Westmoreland and Allegheny counties. He married Sarah Rowan and had issue.

(III) Isaac Newton Ambrose Gill, son of John (2) and Sarah (Rowan) Gill, was born in North Washington, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and spent his life engaged in farming in that county. His farm was located in Patton township and there his children were born. In 1834 he aided in organizing a militia band and the drum he beat is yet preserved in the family. He married Mary Jane McDowell, born at the family residence on Sixth street, Pittsburgh, daughter of John and Mary Jane (Gill) McDowell, her parents born in Pennsylvania. On coming to Pennsylvania the McDowells settled across the river from Braddock, where they owned five hundred acres underlaid with coal. Later the family moved to Patton township. John McDowell was educated at Gill's Academy, taught by Jonathan Gill, later himself became a teacher, having a private school in Pittsburgh. After his retirement he removed to Monroeville, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania.

(IV) Samuel A. Gill, son of Isaac Newton Ambrose and Mary Jane (McDowell) Gill, was born in Patton township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, December 24, 1848. He was educated in the public schools of Monroeville, and until 1890 was engaged in farming in Patton township and in Westmoreland county. In 1891 he moved to Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania, and since then has there been engaged in bridge building operations. He is a Republican in politics, and in religious faith a United Presbyterian. Mr. Gill married, in 1880, Leila C., daughter of Robert Graham McElroy. Children: 1. William Wellwood, married, in June, 1913, Fayetta Morgan, and resides in Duquesne, Pennsylvania. 2. Elizabeth Donald, residing at home. 3. Mary Jane, married Welden Fairbanks Barnes, and resides in Kansas City, Missouri; children: Welden Fairbanks (2) and Samuel Gill. 4. Ethel Leila, a teacher in the public schools of Pittsburgh. 5. Letitia. 6. Dorothy Margaret, deceased. The family are members of the United Presbyterian church, the early family having been Covenanters.

BICKERTON

The Bickertons of Western Pennsylvania are of English descent, although the family were originally Scotch Highlanders, who crossing that natural barrier between Scotland and England, the Cheviot Hills, settled on the English side of the hills in Northumberland. They were a race of hardy men, tall and powerful, devoted adherents of the established church, earnest in their religious belief and life.

Robert Bickerton, of Clairton, Pennsylvania, is a grandson of Thomas Bickerton, who was born in Lancashire, England, and died in West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. Thomas (2) Bickerton, father of Robert Bickerton, of Clairton, was the American founder of the branch.

(I) Thomas Bickerton was a sheep farmer of the Cheviot Hills in Northumberlandshire, England, until after the birth of his son, Thomas (2), in 1814, and later lived in Lancastershire. He died in England, but his widow came to the United States and died in Wheeling, West Virginia, a very old lady. Thomas Bickerton had children: 1. James, came to the United States and was a coal miner in West Virginia, living at Wheeling;

it was at his home that the Widow Bickerton passed her last years. 2. John, came to the United States and met his death by drowning in the Ohio river, about 1870; he was a coal miner and in connection with his brothers operated a coal bank of their own. 3. Alexander, resided at Boggs Run, below Wheeling, where with his brothers he operated a coal bank. 4. Thomas, of further mention. 5. Robert, died in 1888; was an iron master of Wheeling, operating furnaces in association with partners. 6. Arthur, died in 1904, at Fayette City, Pennsylvania; coal miner. 7. Margaret, married John Douglass, a "forty niner" who never returned, spending his later life in Utah; she died about 1847. 8. William, a Mormon preacher and missionary, but not a believer in polygamy, died in St. John, Kansas.

(II) Thomas (2) Bickerton, son of Thomas (1) Bickerton, was born in the village of Bedlandton, Northumberlandshire, England, in April, 1814, died in West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, January 18, 1886. He spent the first eighteen years of his life in England, acquiring an education and learning the carpenter's trade. About 1832 he came to the United States, settling in Wheeling, West Virginia, where he worked at his trade around the coal mines, also building the flat-bottomed barges used in transporting coal on the western rivers. In 1849 he caught the "gold fever," and joining the army of treasure seekers journeyed to California, where he was quite successful in finding gold. In two years, however, he returned east for his wife and family, but she refused to go and persuaded her husband to remain with her. Yielding to her wishes in the matter, he purchased a house in West Elizabeth, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there for the remainder of his days engaged in coal mining. In his later years he bought a small farm near West Elizabeth and there resided until death, but continued a mine worker in connection with the cultivation of his small farm. He was a man of large stature, standing six feet in height and was proportionately well built. Both he and his wife were active members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married Eliza Smith, born in Staffordshire, England, in 1823, died in West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, in June, 1896, daughter of Frederick and Mary Smith, and granddaughter of William Smith, all of Staffordshire. The Smiths came to the United States about 1825, William Smith settling in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he became a river boatman. Frederick and Mary Smith, with their daughter, Eliza, went further west settling in Steubenville, Ohio, Eliza at that time being four years of age. They finally located in Wheeling, West Virginia, where Frederick Smith engaged in the retail coal business. Later he moved to McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he became a successful general contractor. He was a devout Methodist, a local preacher and very prominent in the church. Frederick and Mary Smith had children: 1. Eliza, married Thomas (2) Bickerton, of previous mention. 2. Alfred, superintendent of the Fawcett Coal Company, lived in Pittsburgh. 3. William, died in 1887; was a pilot on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, maintaining his residence in Louisville, Kentucky. 4. Thomas (3), an Ohio river pilot and steamboat captain until his retirement; he now resides at Haysville, Pennsylvania, aged eighty-two years. 5. Jane, married

Marshall Leasure, whom she survives, a resident of Charleston, West Virginia. 6. George, a steel mill worker, died in East McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 7. James, a worker in Wood's Rolling Mills, died in East McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 8. Henry, spent his active life a worker in Wood's Rolling Mills, now retired on a company pension, a resident of McKeesport. 9. Frederick, a cattleman, owning a ranch in Nebraska, where he died. Children of Thomas (2) and Eliza (Smith) Bickerton: 1. Robert, of further mention. 2. Watson, a coal miner, residing at Dravosburg, Pennsylvania. 3. Thomas Smith, a well-to-do farmer of Jefferson township. 4. Jennie, married Thomas Bennett, and resides at Clairton, Pennsylvania. 5. William, a farmer of Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania. 6. Frederick, a general workman of Riverview, Pennsylvania.

(III) Robert Bickerton, eldest son of Thomas (2) and Eliza (Smith) Bickerton, was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, January 8, 1848. He was denied the advantages of early education, a few months in day public school and later attendance at night school covering his entire school life. But reading, self study and close observation made up in a measure for the lack of earlier advantages. When nine years of age he began doing boy's work in the coal mines near West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, his home, then he became a miner and was engaged in digging coal in the bituminous mines until 1886. Then he bought the old "Rothher place" in Jefferson township, Allegheny county, containing one hundred and twenty-nine acres, which he converted into a dairy farm, marketing the product of his herd in Clairton, near by. He has been very successful, has rebuilt and enlarged the farm house, added a commodious barn and greatly enhanced the value of his original purchase. For the past six years he has been school director of the township, is a member and trustee of the Methodist Episcopal church, belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a Republican in politics. He is a man of energy and high standing in his community and rated a valuable citizen, a good friend and neighbor.

Mr. Bickerton married, April 26, 1872, Melissa J. Gilmore, born in Jefferson township, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Gilmore, early settlers in Jefferson township, both deceased. Children: 1. Myra, married Albert Herron, a farmer and merchant of Washington county, Pennsylvania. 2. Harriet, married Edwin J. Thorne, a tailor of Pittsburgh North Side. 3. Ethel, married Edward Gogley, a steel mill worker of Gary, Indiana. 4. Mary Gilmore, residing with her parents. 5. Benjamin Leslie, his father's assistant. 6. Paul, also residing at home. 7. Philip, residing in Gary, Indiana.

KEIL

The Keils were for many generations residents of the ancient city of Cassel, capital of the province of Hesse-Nassau, Prussia, now part of the German Empire. There the grandparents of Henry E. Keil, of Large, Pennsylvania, were born, lived and married. John Keil, the grandfather of Henry E. Keil, emigrated to the United States in 1849, bringing wife and children. He settled in the Lawrenceville district of Pittsburgh, near where the Allegheny Cemetery is now located, and was among

the pioneer glass workers of the district. The family were members of the German Protestent Evangelical church, and highly respected people.

(II) John (2) Keil, son of John (1) Keil, the emigrant, was born in the city of Cassel, Prussia, in 1838, died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (South Side) in 1912. Cassel, a city laid out more than two centuries ago by French Huguenots, on both banks of the river Fulds, ninety-one miles from Frankford-on-the-Main, is one of the handsomest towns of its size in Germany, the architectural and sculptural adornments of former ages being richly supplemented by the works of recent art. About three miles west of the city are the famous castles and park of Wilhelm-Shohe, on the steep slopes of the Habichswald (Hawk Forest). It was there that Napoleon III. was confined after the surrender at Sedan. John Keil attended the excellent schools of Cassel until eleven years of age, then in 1849 was brought by his parents to Pittsburgh. After his father secured employment in the glass works, the lad John was also given a job at boy's work around the factory and as soon as size and age warranted began regularly learning the trade of glass bottle blower. For twelve years he was employed in the Chambers glass works and many years for other glass manufacturers of the Pittsburgh district, and was one of the most expert men in the business. Two years prior to his death he gave up working in the factory and lived retired. For four years, 1886 to 1890, he and his wife kept a small dry goods store on the South Side, Mrs. Keil being in charge during the day time, her husband at night. Both were members of the German Protestant Evangelical church, and for nine years prior to his death John Keil was a director of the Humboldt school, South Side.

He married Catherine Shlothauer, born in Pittsburgh, South Side, in August, 1846, who yet survives him. Children: 1. Alfred G., expert for the Riter-Connelly Company, residing on West Gregory street, Pittsburgh. 2. Henry E., of further mention. 3. Ralph C., chief cost clerk for the Macbeth-Evans Glass Company, residing in Mt. Oliver, Pennsylvania. 4. Rosa, married Adam Kreuger, a real estate dealer, located at the corner of Franks-town and Brushton avenues, Pittsburgh. 5. Mary, married Otto Loest, a foreman machinist, residing on Twenty-second street, Pittsburgh. 6. Kate, married Henry Braun, a meat dealer, at No. 312 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi, Pennsylvania.

(III) Henry E. Keil, second son of John (2) and Catherine (Shlothauer) Keil, was born on Eighteenth street, Pittsburgh, South Side, July 28, 1879. He was educated in the Humboldt school of the South Side and the Washington school in the Seventeenth ward of Pittsburgh, attending the latter school four years. He then learned the printer's trade with the printing firm of Duncan & McElvaney, working as an apprentice and journeyman printer with that firm for six years, acquiring a thoroughly practical knowledge of the business. In 1899 he became manager and foreman for John S. Boreland, printer, remaining with him in that capacity until May 3, 1907, precisely eight years; on that date he resigned and severed his connection with the printing business at the same time. He chose the town of Large

in Jefferson township, Allegheny county, as a location and there erected a fine modern hotel, that he named the Hotel Large, opened it as a first class house of entertainment and still continues its proprietor. He has been very successful as "mine host" and is highly regarded by his patrons. He is a member of the Masonic order, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Foresters of America, Independent Order of Foresters, the French Beneficial Union, the German-American Musical Union of Pittsburgh, is treasurer of the Russellton Amusement Company, and is identified with the Republican party.

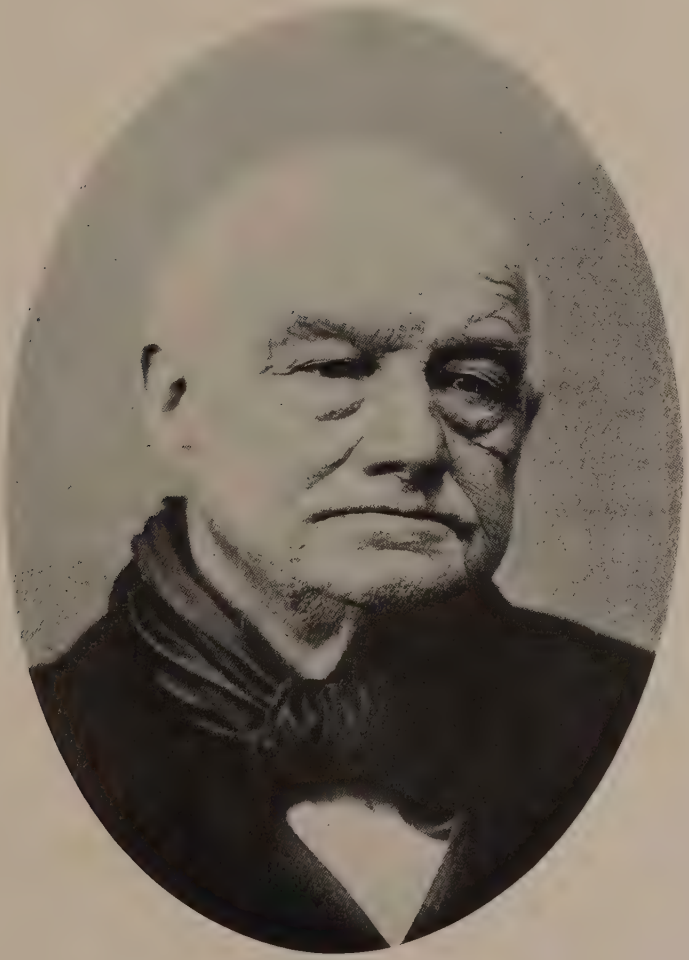
Mr. Keil, married (first) August 15, 1901, Clara Ruhlandt, born in Pittsburgh, died November 17, 1903, leaving a daughter, Margaret Catherine, born May 3, 1903. He married (second) October 6, 1907, Hilda Klumpp, born on Twenty-fourth street, Pittsburgh, South Side, daughter of Charles and Lena (Reiff) Klumpp, her father a patrolman on the South Side. Child, Henry E. (2), born September 29, 1908.

HERSHEY

The Hershey family has long been seated in the state of Pennsylvania, several generations of the family residing there, and their history is closely interwoven with that of the section wherein is located the counties of Lancaster and Allegheny.

(I) Christopher Hershey, the earliest known ancestor of the family, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, near Chambersburg. During his early manhood he removed to Penn township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and located on a farm consisting of about two hundred acres, the same on which his descendants still reside, and he cleared and cultivated considerable of this, devoting his attention to the raising of general produce. He erected a log house, in which both he and his wife lived and died. He married Nancy Storer, whose birth probably occurred in the vicinity of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, and they were the parents of six children; Mary, Elizabeth, Ann, John, Susan, Christopher.

(II) John Hershey, son of Christopher Hershey, was born on the farm on which his son, Harry W. Hershey, resides, the same mentioned in the preceding paragraph, in Penn township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1816, died December 2, 1904. He was reared on the home farm, attended the common schools, and late in life purchased a portion of the farm at Universal, Pennsylvania, which Charles Cunliffe, his father-in-law, had purchased previously, the latter named having secured the land at the low rate of fifty dollars per acre, and later Mr. Hershey disposed of forty-two acres of the same land to a cement plant at Universal for the sum of six hundred dollars per acre, quite an increase in price. He married Elizabeth C. Cunliffe, born in what is now Second avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (Hazelwood), August 25, 1839, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Wilson) Cunliffe, the former named born at what is now the corner of Third and Wood streets, Pittsburgh, and the latter named born on the site of Schenley Park, Pittsburgh. Charles Cunliffe was the owner of considerable property in Pittsburgh, and in early life farmed thirteen acres, the



John Hershey

site of his birthplace. He later moved to Universal, Pennsylvania, where he purchased two hundred and seventy acres at the low price mentioned above, and there continued his farming operations up to the time of his death. He was an active politician, and during his residence in Pittsburgh held many local offices. He married Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of William and Barbara (Staley) Wilson, the former named, a descendant of an Irish ancestry, located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at an early day, the latter named a descendant of Pennsylvania Dutch who located in Lancaster county. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cunliffe were the parents of eleven children: Elizabeth C., Barbara, Agnes, Margaret, Robert, Mary, Charles, Sarah, John, died aged four years; Theodosia, and a child died in infancy. Charles Cunliffe was a son of Robert and Margaret (Fisher) Cunliffe, the former named a native of England, and the latter named a Quakeress, probably born in the vicinity of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Robert Cunliffe emigrated to this country in 1790; he located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and was a merchant at the corner of Third and Wood streets for many years, and later purchased property on Second avenue, where his death occurred. Children of Robert Cunliffe: Hannah, Mary, Eliza, James, Charles. Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Hershey: 1. Kate W., resident of Wilkinsburg, married John D. Euwer, who died October 26, 1909, and has four children: John H., Laurence C., Herbert D., and George A. 2. Elizabeth J., married William Green, and has three children: Clara, Anna, and William; a resident of Penn township. 3. Mary A., deceased; married Frank Kirchartz, and has children: James, Mildred, John, Frank. 4. Daisy, married William Frack, and has children: George, Marion, William, Robert. 5. Harry W., of whom further. 6. Charles, died in infancy.

(III) Harry W. Hershey, son of John Hershey, was born on the farm on which he now resides in Penn township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1879. He obtained his preliminary education in the common schools of that section, and later was a student in the Indiana State Normal School. He has chiefly devoted his attention to farming on the old homestead, which has proved both congenial and remunerative, and in addition to this for the last few years he has been a hauling contractor, which occupation has considerably added to his income. He erected his present residence, which is of brick, commodious and comfortable, in the year 1908. He served as township road commissioner for a number of years, the duties of the office being performed in a highly efficient manner. He is a member of Unity United Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Hershey married, November 27, 1901, Margaret Reiter, of New Texas, Plumb township, Pennsylvania, daughter of George W. and Ida (Kistler) Reiter, both natives of Plumb township. George W. Reiter was a son of Henry and Isabella (Patterson) Reiter, both natives of Squirrel Hill, and grandson of George J. Reiter, a native of Germany, who emigrated to this country and was among the early settlers of Squirrel Hill. Ida (Kistler) Reiter was a daughter of Josiah and Margaret (Elliott) Kistler, he a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and she of Plumb town-

ship, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and a granddaughter of Samuel and Katherine (Fink) Kistler, residents of Westmoreland county, who later removed to Allegheny county, locating at Center. The members of the Reiter and Patterson families attended the Presbyterian church. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hershey, as follows: George Walter, Grace Elizabeth, Harry William, Anna Margaret, Charles Cunliffe.

RUFFING

About 1845 Michael Ruffing, grandfather of Michael Ruffing, of Lincoln Place Post Office, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, came to the United States, a widower with children. He was born and married in Germany, where he was for years a farmer and miner. After the death of his wife, Ursula, he came to the United States with his seven children and settled at Mount Oliver, a part of the city of Pittsburgh, where he died at an advanced age. Children: 1. Mary, remained in New York City. 2. Elizabeth, married Michael Fleeher, and lived in Mifflin township, Allegheny county. 3. Louis, always lived in Mount Oliver, after the family settlement there. 4. Jacob, lived in Lower St. Clair township. 5. Michael (2), of further mention. 6. John, also lived in lower St. Clair township. 7. George, lived on a farm in Baldwin township.

(II) Michael (2) Ruffing, son of Michael (1) and Ursula Ruffing, was born in Germany, in 1827, died on his farm in Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 30, 1912. He was about eighteen years of age when his father came with his family to Mount Oliver (Pittsburgh), Pennsylvania, and soon after their arrival Michael (2) began working in the coal mines of the district. But he did not like a miner's life and as soon as he had sufficient capital he opened a dairy in Mount Oliver that was quite successful. But he was not yet satisfied and leaving the city he began farming, renting in succession three Baldwin township farms. He then tried farming in Mifflin township, renting a farm of James Hays which pleased him so well that one year after "renting" he became its owner by purchase, on July 8, 1876. This farm, containing one hundred and three acres, he brought to a high state of fertility and operated it largely as a dairy farm. He continued dairying for over thirty years, disposing of his dairy and farm products to good advantage to the Pittsburgh South Side residents. He was a man of industry and energy, causing his farm to yield large returns. He built the house in which his son Michael (3) now resides, enlarged the barn and thoroughly improved his property. He was a Democrat in politics, and, like his parents, a Roman Catholic in religion.

He was twice married, but the name of his first wife is not known. He married (second) Christina Grodwalt, born in the southern part of Germany in 1827, died in 1890, leaving eleven children (see forward). He married (third) Catherine Schamm, who survives him, a resident of Lower St. Clair township. Children of Michael (2) Ruffing, by his first wife: 1. Jacob, now a farmer of Boston, Pennsylvania, married Lena

Haut. 2. Catherine, married George Smith, a baker, of Pittsburgh. 3. John, left home in 1887 and has never since been heard from. Children of second wife: 4. Louis, now a blacksmith of Mifflin township, married Eva Eberline. 5. Elizabeth, married Gustave Rousch, and died in 1910. 6. Anna, married Andrew Leopold, a farmer of O'Hara township. 7. Michael (3), of further mention. 8. George, now a coal miner of Hays, Pennsylvania, married Martha Rousch. 9. Christine, married Charles Peters, of Charleroi, Pennsylvania. 10. Margaret, residing in Pittsburgh, unmarried. 11. Clara, residing in Pittsburgh.

(III) Michael (3) Ruffing, fourth son and seventh child of Michael (2) Ruffing by his second wife, Christina (Grodwaldt) Ruffing, was born on the farm on which he now resides, near the "Mifflin Road," Mifflin township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 28, 1869. He attended public school and St. Peter's parochial school (the latter on Pittsburgh South Side) until thirteen years of age. He then became his father's assistant and so remained until his marriage at twenty-eight years. He then for a time rented the home farm, but later moved to Pittsburgh South Side, where he engaged in teaming until December, 1912. In that year his father died and Michael (3) Ruffing, inheriting the home farm, returned to his birthplace and there continues the dairy business established by his father. He is a Democrat in politics, and a member of Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church, located at Hays, Pennsylvania.

He married, May 10, 1901, Margaret Eberline, born in Byron, Germany, daughter of Jacob and Dora Eberline, both deceased. Margaret was thirteen years of age when her parents came to this country, settling in Pittsburgh, where her father was a worker in the steel mills, and died in Pittsburgh in 1905; her mother survived him until 1909. Jacob and Dora Eberline had children: 1. Jacob, now a Pittsburgh steel mill worker. 2. John, now a Pittsburgh steel mill worker. 3. Eva, married Louis Ruffing, a blacksmith of Mifflin township, brother of Michael (3) Ruffing. 4. Margaret, married Philip Deidorn, and resides on Pittsburgh South Side. 5. Margaret, married Michael (3) Ruffing, of previous mention. 6. Clara, married William Miller, a stationary engineer, residing at Mount Oliver. Children of Michael (3) and Margaret (Eberline) Ruffing: Dora, born July 19, 1902; Catherine, November 19, 1905; Lena, October 18, 1909; Anna, August 11, 1913.

McKINNEY

Represented in the present day in Forward township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, by James Wallace McKinney, this family was planted in Pennsylvania by Matthew McKinney, born in Scotland. He was a man at the time of his immigration to Eastern Pennsylvania, and about 1777 made the journey over the mountains to Western Pennsylvania, patenting three hundred acres of government land. The present location of the tract to which he gained title is Forward township, Allegheny county, and while putting this land into arable condition lived in a log house which he erected unaided. His live

stock was quartered in a log barn, the two buildings standing in their place for many years after their erection. Matthew McKinney's battle with the wilderness was fraught with danger from man and beast, men who knew the white man only to hate him and beasts who knew him so little as to be unafraid, and more than once even his stout heart must have faltered because of the loneliness and privations of his life. His first wife, Elizabeth (Lord) McKinney, did not long survive the unequal struggle with the harsh elements, and he married a second time, making Ann Thompson his wife, and lived on his farm until his death, October 22, 1809. The faith of one who would choose the life that he elected must always be vested in a power greater than himself, and Matthew McKinney was one of the most devout of Christians, worshipping the Master of his destiny in the Presbyterian religion. Children of Matthew and Elizabeth (Lord) McKinney: 1. James, of whom further. 2. John, a farmer, married and moved to New Concord, Ohio, where numerous of his descendants remain to this time. 3. Henry, moved to the same locality in Ohio, married, and had children. 4. Polly, married a Mr. Snodgrass, and died in Braddock, Pennsylvania. 5. Nancy, married Isaac Storrer, and died in New Concord, Ohio. 6. Matthew (*2*), died in infancy. Matthew McKinney had no issue by his second marriage.

(II) James McKinney, eldest son of Matthew and Elizabeth (Lord) McKinney, was born in what is now Forward township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 9, 1783, died in that place, October 18, 1863. The eldest son of his parents, from an early age he shared in the responsibility, and upon the death of his father he purchased the interests of his co-heirs, owning two hundred and forty of the original three hundred acres. The log house that had been the first family home was replaced by him with a substantial four room frame house, and at the same time a commodious frame barn was built, the buildings standing for ninety-two years, until July 30, 1909, when they were struck by lightning, the following flames wiping them out of existence. James McKinney farmed during his active years, but between seasons "freighted" on the old National Pike, on numerous of his trips driving eastward to Philadelphia and as far west as Chilicothe, Ohio. He met the maiden whom he made his wife at the "Black Horse Tavern," in Wheeling, West Virginia, and after his marriage discontinued freighting, his wife dreading his long absences, which were often many weeks in length. During the second war with Great Britain he was for a time in the army, then returned to his agricultural operations, which he continued until his death. With his wife he was a member of the Presbyterian church.

James McKinney marrried Mary Wallace Blee, who died March 24, 1873, aged seventy-seven years, having survived her husband ten years. Children of James and Mary Wallace McKinney: 1. Elizabeth, born September 29, 1817, died unmarried, January 28, 1873. 2. Nancy Jane, born January 28, 1819, married Peter Reasoner, and died at New Concord, Ohio, February 29, 1908. 3. Margaret, born December 21, 1820, died on

the homestead, unmarried, October 18, 1895. 4. Matthew, born May 10, 1822, died September 10, 1822. 5. Ann, born December 21, 1823, married Solomon Speer, and died at Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, in January, 1910. 6. Robert, of whom further. 7. John, born November 21, 1826, died August 12, 1911, married Mary Jane Marshall. 8. Mary, born September 2, 1829, married Louis Snee, and died April 18, 1856.

(III) Robert McKinney, son of James and Mary Wallace (Blee) McKinney, was born on the homestead farm in Forward township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 7, 1825, died there January 13, 1902. He was educated in the schools near his home, and from young manhood was a farmer, living in quiet industry on the homestead. He owned one hundred and twenty-one acres of the original tract, and in partnership with his brother John held title to another farm. He held strong Democratic convictions, and was a member of the Presbyterian church. Robert McKinney married Nancy, born near New Concord, Ohio, November 23, 1823, died December 20, 1880, daughter of Judge Robert and Polly (Reasoner) Marshall. Judge Marshall moved to Ohio from New Florence, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and was a judge of Guernsey county, Ohio, courts for twenty-eight years, a man of education and culture, a judge fair and just, and an upright citizen. He died March 1, 1873, his wife, Polly (Reasoner) Marshall, September 20, 1840. His second wife was Polly (Wilson) Marshall. Children: 1. Elizabeth, born December 8, 1819, died unmarried, aged seventy-five years. 2. Martha, born August 2, 1821, married Samuel Marshall, and died in Kirkwood, Illinois. 3. Nancy, of previous mention, married Robert McKinney. 4. Margaret, born August 3, 1826, married Mack Galbraith, and died in Monmouth, Illinois. 5. Mary Jane, born October 17, 1828, died January 28, 1896; married John McKinney, brother of Robert. 6. John R., born February 26, 1830, deceased; was a farmer of Muscatine, Iowa. 7. Robert W., born February 15, 1832, a farmer near Stronghurst, Illinois. 8. Samuel, born May 3, 1834, a minister of the United Presbyterian church and at the time of his death president of Tarkio (Missouri) College. 9. Joseph, born March 3, 1836, died aged eighteen years. 10. Benjamin, born November 16, 1837, died at the old Marshall home in New Concord, Ohio, November 4, 1912. 11. Sarah Catherine, born February 14, 1840, married Samuel Torrance and lives in Monmouth, Illinois. Children of Robert and Nancy (Marshall) McKinney: Robert Marshall, James Wallace, of whom further; Mary Jane, Margaret Elizabeth.

(IV) James Wallace McKinney, son of Robert and Nancy (Marshall) McKinney, was born on the old home farm in Forward township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 22, 1851. His entire life has been passed on the homestead, his education being obtained in the local schools, and he now cultivates the land that bore fruit under the labors of three generations of his name before him. His operations cover one hundred and twenty-one acres, and the soil that for more than a century and a quarter has yielded a living to those of the name McKinney has been the source of prosperity.

He adheres to the religion of his fathers, the Presbyterian, and in political allegiance is a Democrat. Mr. McKinney married, October 5, 1881, Adaletta, born in Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, March 30, 1858, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Fife) Pierce, her parents natives of Elizabeth township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, their parents early settlers in that locality. Children of James Wallace and Adaletta (Pierce) McKinney: Ethel May, born March 6, 1890; Frank Lee, born September 18, 1892.

HARDWICK

The Hardwick family of McKeesport and vicinity, well known for integrity and trustworthiness, characteristics which mark the members in the various generations, is of English origin, from which country have come so many of our representative citizens.

(I) Samuel Hardwick, grandfather of Edwin Hardwick, was a native of England, where he died April 15, 1841. His wife, Phoebe Hardwick, bore him eight children, as follows: William, born June 12, 1827, died June 12, 1895; Henry, born July 2, 1829, died December 1, 1904; Samuel, born November 2, 1831, died December 15, 1832; Elizabeth, born December 13, 1832, died December 11, 1833; Jane, born December 1, 1835, died April 15, 1839; John, born June 15, 1837, died May 1, 1839; James, born March 26, 1839, was killed in Bells Mines at Carnegie, Pennsylvania; Samuel, born March 5, 1841, died December 22, 1908. After the death of Mr. Hardwick his widow married (second) James Ingham, by whom she had one child, Robert, born July 17, 1848.

(II) William Hardwick, son of Samuel Hardwick, was born in England, June 12, 1827, died June 12, 1895, in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. He came to the United States in the "forties" and resided in various places, following his trade of coal miner, residing for a time at Shafton, near Irwin, and for some years in McKeesport, where he spent his last years. He was a member of the Episcopal church, and a Republican in politics. He married Ellen Garsite, born in England, in 1830, married in England, and they were the parents of the following children: Samuel, died in 1913; William, Mary Jane, John, Phoebe, Edwin, of whom further; Ann, Nellie, died young; several died in childhood.

(III) Edwin Hardwick, son of William Hardwick, born near Irwin, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, May 21, 1867, was reared in what is now West End, Pittsburgh, and attended the public schools in the vicinity of his home. He began his active business career by accepting a position in the lock shop at Lockton, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, near Carnegie, and in 1884 removed to McKeesport, and since then, a period of thirty years, has been employed in the National Tube Works, coupling and tap department, and his long term of service eloquently testifies to his ability and efficiency. In 1911 he purchased a fine house located at No. 720 South Union street, McKeesport, which is modern in every particular, well suited to the needs of his family. He is a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, an active member of the Knights of Pythias, and a Republican in politics.

Mr. Hardwick married, November 21, 1895, Caroline Reynolds, born in England, July 4, 1871, daughter of Joseph and Ann (Briggs) Reynolds, who came to the United States in 1882, settling in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he was employed in the rolling mill and in the tube works, and at the present time (1914) he is aged seventy-three years and his wife seventy-eight years. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds: James, George, William, deceased; Thomas, Paul, Caroline, Samuel, Clara, Arthur, Annie, Emma. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Hardwick: Samuel Edwin, born December 20, 1896, at No. 1712 Beaver street, McKeesport; Helen Elizabeth, born June 29, 1898, at same place; Joseph, born July 31, 1902, at same place; William, born September 11, 1904, at same place; Caroline, born November 15, 1909, at No. 1408 Flagler street, McKeesport.

KIFER

His family long resident in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, from which state his father rendered service to the Colonial cause in the Revolutionary War, Henry Kifer, grandfather of Dr. Logan M. Kifer, of McKeesport, Pennsylvania, passed the greater part of his life in that locality. He married Susan Painter, and was the father of children: Henry, Albert, Michael, Joseph, of whom further, and several daughters.

(II) Joseph Kifer, son of Henry and Susan (Painter) Kifer, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, July 15, 1815, died May 15, 1889. He was reared in the place of his birth, and from early youth was trained for the life of a farmer, following that calling all of his life. He was a strong Democratic sympathizer, and a member of the Reformed church, his wife affiliating with the Lutheran denomination. He married Eliza, born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, August 9, 1818, daughter of John P. and Sarah (Wegley) Miller, her parents early residents of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where their lives were passed. Children of Joseph and Eliza (Miller) Kifer: 1. Logan M., of whom further. 2. Melissa Jane, born July 29, 1857, married M. M. Cleland, of Irwin, Pennsylvania, and has Charles E. and Gertrude M.

(III) Dr. Logan M. Kifer, son of Joseph and Eliza (Miller) Kifer, was born near Irwin, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, September 15, 1853. He attended the public schools and later the Murraysville Academy. He then took a three years' course in Thiel College, Greenville, Pennsylvania, whence he was graduated in 1875, afterward completing a course in Jefferson Medical College, receiving his M. D. from that institution in 1878. For seven and one-half years after his graduation Dr. Kifer was a practicing physician of Irwin, Pennsylvania, in 1886 establishing in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, where he has for the past twenty-eight years held a leading position in the medical profession. Dr. Kifer is a member of the County, State and American medical organizations. He has no party preferences in politics, and is a member of the Lutheran church. Dr. Kifer married, in 1881, Mary, born in McKeesport, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, May 30, 1859, died December 26, 1886, daughter of William Morris. Dr.

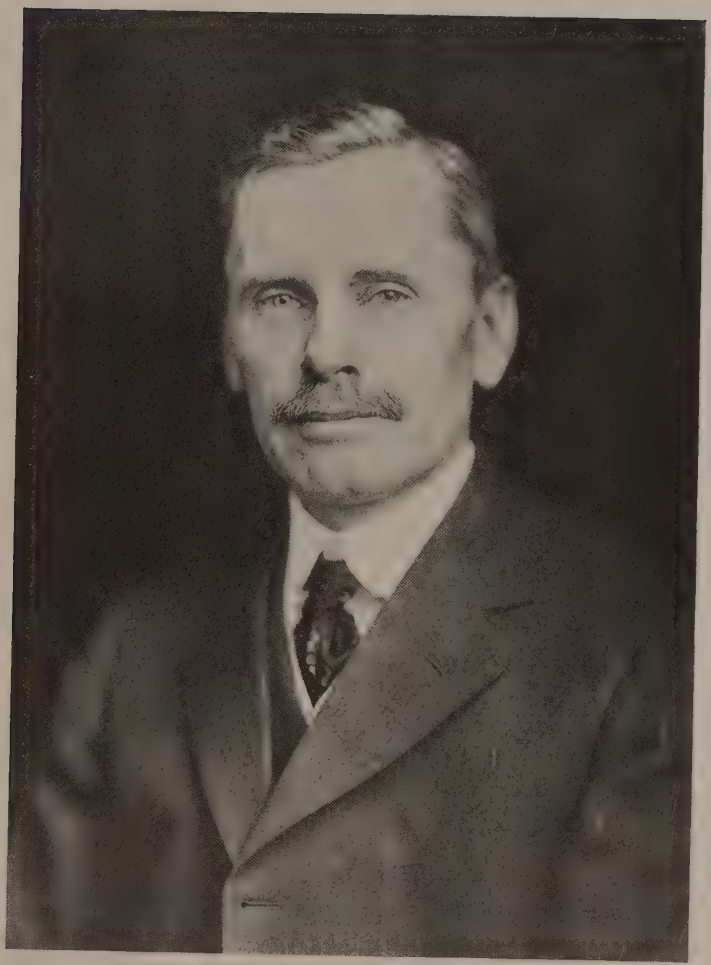
Kifer is the father of one daughter, Lida J., born February 3, 1882, lives at home, unmarried.

ANDERSON

A native of Ireland, Matthew Anderson in 1852 found an American home in Allegheny City (Pittsburgh North Side), Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. His occupation was that of carpenter, and he lived in the place of his first settlement for a time, later moving to Oakmont, in the same county, where his death occurred in 1876. During the Civil War he was in the service of the United States government at Nashville, Tennessee, engaged in the manufacture of coffins, a gruesome occupation, but one for which, during the years from 1861 to 1865, there was only too much need. Matthew Anderson married, in his native land, Sarah Robinson, also born in Ireland, and was the father of five children, among whom was John Taylor, of further mention.

John Taylor Anderson, son of Matthew and Sarah (Robinson) Anderson, was born in Allegheny City, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 11, 1862. He was educated in the schools of the Third Ward of his native city and of Oakmont. One of his brothers, William, was the owner of a planing mill at Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania, and here he worked from his early youth until he attained his majority, at which age he became foreman of the planing mill of L. Bentz. His brother, William, was the owner of another planing mill in Oakmont, and in 1890 John Taylor Anderson became owner of this property by purchase, operating the mill for fourteen years. In 1904, at the expiration of that time, he purchased his present site in Verona, Pennsylvania, and there continues as the proprietor of a planing mill, his business extensive and regular. In 1907 Mr. Anderson organized the Oakmont Motor and Boat Company, of which he has since been president, holding the same office in the management of the J. W. Hodil Company, organized in 1904. He is a director of the Interior Lumber Company, a Pittsburgh concern, that was organized in 1903, and in 1907 was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Oakmont, of which he has since been a director. As a Republican, which party he has ever supported, Mr. Anderson was for three years a member of the Oakmont council, for two years of that time being its president. He is a business man of forceful and energetic qualities, quick in his perception of an opportunity and decided in the advantage he takes of it, a man of methods, whose methods are not cumbersome, and above all, a loyal and public-spirited citizen.

He married, in 1887, Anna Mary, daughter of Robert Glover, her father a member of the firm of Thomas Coffin & Company, which manufactured the first glass pots made in Pittsburgh, a descendant of a Revolutionary family. John Taylor and Anna Mary (Glover) Anderson are the parents of one son, William Pressley, manager of the Oakmont Motor and Boat Company, resides at Oakmont, Pennsylvania; he married Sadie Belle Clark, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daughter of ex-County Commissioner James A. Clark; Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have one child, Sadie Belle.



J. T. Robertson

MALLOY

The family of which John H. Malloy, a representative business man of McKeesport, is a worthy member, is of Irish origin, the land from which so many of our best citizens have come, all of whom have ever performed well their part in the progress and development of the communities in which they settled.

Patrick Malloy, father of John H. Malloy, was a native of Ireland, and was there reared and educated. In young manhood he decided that the opportunities for advancement were greater in the United States than in his native land, and he accordingly came hither, taking up his residence in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was employed as a coal miner. He married, in that city, Mary Cunningham, also a native of Ireland, and they later removed to Greene county, Pennsylvania, where he was engaged in the same line of work. About the year 1860 he removed to Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and there spent the remainder of his days, his death occurring in 1896, being survived by his wife, who is living at the present time (1914) with her children, aged eighty-three years.

John H. Malloy was born in Greene county, Pennsylvania, October 31, 1859. His parents removed to Westmoreland county during his infancy, and his education was acquired in the public schools of that section of the state. After completing his studies he turned his attention to the mining of coal, continuing until he was nineteen years of age, and he then engaged in the hotel business, to which he devoted his attention for about three and a half years. In 1889 or 1890 he changed his place of residence to McKeesport and there embarked in the wholesale liquor business, which line he has since followed and in which he has been highly successful, accumulating during the intervening years considerable capital, which he has wisely invested in real estate in McKeesport, from which he derives a goodly income. He was also one of the organizers of the Tube City Brewing Company, of which he was treasurer, and one of the organizers of the McKeesport Brewing Company and Duquesne Brewing Company of Pittsburgh, all successful enterprises. Mr. Malloy is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, serving in the capacity of treasurer of the same, and a member of the Order of Heptasophs. He is a communicant of the Catholic church, and a Republican in politics, but has never aspired to public office, simply casting his vote for the man who in his opinion is best qualified for office. He is active in community affairs, ever willing to aid in the advancement of all projects which have for their object the welfare of the people.

Mr. Malloy married, in West Newton, Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, Elizabeth Howell, a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, daughter of James and Elsie (Paull) Howell. They are the parents of two children: Mary Irene; Ethel Frances, wife of Roy Jameson, of Morgantown, Pennsylvania, who are the parents of one child, John Henry Jameson.

McGEARY

A successful grocer of Braddock, Pennsylvania, since 1909, Loyal E. McGeary has won honorable standing in the business world and ranks with the prosperous and public-

spirited men of that thriving city of Western Pennsylvania, in which he has resided since 1881. He is a son of John McGeary, of Butler county, Pennsylvania, and a grandson of William McGeary, who came to Butler from Westmoreland county, settling in Buffalo township, where he and his wife Elizabeth died.

(II) John McGeary, son of William and Elizabeth McGeary, was born in 1829, died in January, 1913. He was a farmer of Butler county, a Republican, and a member of the Presbyterian church. He married Elizabeth Gibson, born in 1830, died in the seventies. Children: Belle, deceased; Joseph, Eleanor, William, James, deceased; Loyal E., of further mention; Ida; Losetta, deceased; John, deceased; Clifford.

(III) Loyal Ellsworth McGeary, son of John and Elizabeth (Gibson) McGeary, was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, March 11, 1864. He was educated in the public schools, and until seventeen years of age worked on the farm. In 1881 he first came to Braddock and there for a time worked as a teamster. Later he formed a partnership with Robert Gibson and for twenty-five years they conducted a general contracting and teaming business in Braddock. After this long association terminated Mr. McGeary in 1909 opened a grocery store at 631 Fourth street, which he most profitably conducts at the present time. He has accumulated considerable property in the city, including his present business location. He is widely known in his city and highly esteemed as a business man and citizen. He is a Republican in politics, is a member of the Presbyterian church and of the Knights of Malta. Mr. McGeary married, in 1906, Hilda Totzke, daughter of Carl and Wilhelmina Totzke, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. McGeary died in May, 1913, leaving a daughter, Mildred.

EVANS

A. Curtin Evans is a member of an old and prominent Welsh family, representative of that sturdy race which, though it has not contributed so largely to the population of the New World as have some of the other European peoples, has nevertheless furnished us with an element second to none in value, and which acts as a leaven of the Welsh virtues, those of sturdy endurance in labor and a strong moral fervor.

(I) His paternal grandfather was Evan J. Evans, a native of Wales, where he was born about the beginning of the nineteenth century, and passed his childhood and youth. There also he was married, and in 1840 he came with his family to the United States and took up his abode in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, where he soon owned a farm. On this farm he lived, operating it for the remainder of his life, and finally both he and his wife died there.

(II) Evan C. Evans, son of Evan J. Evans, was born in Wales, April 29, 1830. He received a portion of his education in the schools of his native land, but was only ten years of age when his parents emigrated from their country to the United States, taking him with them. Here he completed his studies and then learned the trade of wagon maker and carpenter, following these occupations for many years. He finally retired from active business,

and is now living with his wife in Cambria county, on the old family property. He was married to Elizabeth Evans, a native of Cambria county, Pennsylvania, where she was born December 30, 1840. By a strange coincidence her father bore the same name as did the father of her busband and was also an Evan J. Evans. Like his namesake on the other side of the house, this Mr. Evans also came to the United States with his wife and family, and settled in Cambria county, Pennsylvania, in the old pioneer days, and here both he and his wife eventually died. To Mr. and Mrs. Evan C. Evans were born three children, of whom only A. Curtin Evans is now living. They were Melancthon, A. Curtin, Mary Emma.

(III) A. Curtin Evans, the second child of Evan C. and Elizabeth (Evans) Evans, was born October 9, 1860, in Cambria county, Pennsylvania. He passed the early years of his life in that region and there obtained his education in the local public schools. His alert mind readily supplied the somewhat glaring deficiencies in these admirable institutions, and gained a more than average education from his studies, supplementing these with a great deal of reading on his own account. Among other things he learned was bookkeeping, so that upon leaving school he was able to secure a position as bookkeeper with the Pennsylvania railroad. After a time it became convenient for him to move to the town of Pitcairn, which was then, 1889, just beginning its development. After coming to Pitcairn, which has ever since remained his home and the scene of his busy and active life, he found that it would be possible as a result of his skill and industry, together with his frugal habits, to embark upon a business enterprise of his own. He accordingly withdrew from his association with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and established a grocery business in Pitcairn, which was from the start highly successful. Later he gave up the grocery trade, but only to take up that of house contractor. In his new business he has been even more successful than before, the same alertness of mind and innate industry soon placing him in the front rank of the contractors in the community. He has done a great deal of carpenter work and become a man of large substance, and a conspicuous figure in the neighborhood. In 1910 he was appointed by President Taft as postmaster of Pitcairn, and has held that office ever since, the term having amounted to four years and three months, in June, 1914. Mr. Evans has also served his fellow citizens in the capacity of school director. He is a member of the Republican party, and has always taken a keen and intelligent interest in all political questions, whether these involve issues of national or local significance, and he now stands high in the local councils of his party. Mr. Evans has also been active in fraternal circles in Pitcairn, and is a member of the Summit Lodge, No. 312, Free and Accepted Masons, of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, and of the Pittsburgh Consistery, thirty-second degree, of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Evans married, April, 1892, Effie Myers, a native of Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, daughter of James A. and Lavina (George) Myers, of that place. To Mr. and Mrs. Evans have been born four children, as follows: George, born June 1, 1893, now a mail clerk in Pittsburgh and Fairchance, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, Lavina, Grace.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans are staunch members of the Presbyterian church, attending the church of that denomination in Pitcairn, and are actively engaged in the work in connection with it, materially aiding in the support of its benevolences and charities. They are rearing their children in their belief, and with the intention of making of them good church members and conscientious, God-fearing men and women. Mr. Evans is himself regarded as a citizen of the most valuable type. His reputation is of the highest among his fellow townsmen, as a man of unimpeachable integrity, a successful and yet charitable man, and one whose conservative judgment is to be entirely depended upon. He is the owner of a large amount of valuable property in Pitcairn, in which may be included his own dwelling.

PERRY

The name of Perry is an old English one, and is exceedingly numerous in this country, boasting of many distinguished representatives. It is thought that the family came originally from Wales, and settled in the southern sections of England. Bearers of this name were here in the early Colonial days, and others have come at various times since that period in the history of our country.

Thomas Perry, born in England in 1826, died there in 1905. He served in the English army for a period of twenty-one years and received a long service medal from Queen Victoria. He married Charlotte Moorby, born in 1840, died in 1895, and they had children: Sarah, John T., of further mention; Edward, Walter, all living.

John T. Perry, son of Thomas and Charlotte (Moorby) Perry, was born at Birmingham, Staffordshire, England, September 26, 1866. He acquired his education in the public schools of his native land, and when he attained his majority emigrated to the United States. Energetic and ambitious, he took the first work that came to hand, when he settled in Braddock, which happened to be that of a stone mason. After a time spent in that occupation he branched out into contract work, and then became connected with the Edgar Thompson Steel Works, for whom he has now worked twenty-seven years. He gives his active support to the Republican party in politics, and the family are members of the United Brethren church. Mr. Perry married, June 7, 1888, Ellen, born in England in 1865, a daughter of Robert and Jane (Evans) Thomas, both natives of Wales, who migrated to England, then to the United States in 1894, where he died in Braddock in 1897 at the age of seventy years, and she died in 1909 at the age of seventy-six years. They had children: John, died in infancy; Annie; Margaret; Elizabeth, and Robert, deceased; Ellen, mentioned above; Jane, and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have had children: Charles, born May 31, 1889, died February 12, 1890; Charlotte Jane, born August 27, 1892, was educated in the public schools; Robert, born February 13, 1894, drowned, July 4, 1913; Leonard, born June 7, 1897; Nellie Elizabeth, born June 8, 1900.

KING

John Ross King comes of a family originally of German stock and representative of the best type of that race, but which has lived for so many years in the state of Pennsylvania that its members have become completely identified with the life and traditions of the region.

(I) His paternal great-grandparents were Jacob and Margaret King, natives of Germany, in which country they lived the major part of their lives. Jacob King was a wagon maker by trade and prospered thereat in a modest manner. His son John was the pioneer of the family in their removal to the "New World," but the elder man followed there before many years were gone, and settled in the "East End" of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the new home of his son, and there engaged in the occupation of gardening. He and his wife finally died there.

(II) John King, already mentioned as the son of Jacob King, was also born in Germany, passing his childhood there and eventually marrying Margaret Wentzel, a fellow countrywoman. The youthful couple, for a honeymoon trip, embarked the day after the wedding to find them a new home in the United States. They went directly upon arrival to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and settled in the "East End." He had learned the trade of wagonmaker in Germany, but in America he engaged at once in farming and gardening. He purchased a property of seventeen and a half acres adjacent to what is now the German Lutheran Cemetery in Pittsburgh and operated this as a farm with great success. To Mr. King and his wife were born eight children, as follows: Mary Ann, Nicholas, Henry, Margaret, Katherine, George, Elizabeth, John, the father of our subject. Katherine and George were twins, the latter dying in early childhood.

(III) John (*2*) King, the youngest son of John (1) and Margaret (Wentzel) King, was born between Wilkinsburg and the "East End," Pittsburgh, April 22, 1839. He attended school at Negleys Run, since known as Brilliante Hollow, in the "East End," and upon completing his studies turned his attention to gardening as an occupation, and later added dairying to his labors. When twenty-four years of age he was employed on the James McCullough farm at Verona Hill, whither he had come from Pittsburgh, and remained in that service for fourteen years. At the expiration of that period he went to Oakmont and there entered the employment of William Wade as a gardener, and continued there for a period of twenty-nine years, dying July 3, 1914. He owned his own house at Oakmont, and lived there not far from the Wade estate, the scene of his work. He was married at the age of twenty-four years, at the time of his removal to Verona Hill, to Sarah Jane Bayless, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania. She was a daughter of William and Mary Ann (Miller) Bayless, and a granddaughter of James Bayless, a resident of Washington, Pennsylvania, and the owner of what later became known as the old Duherst farm. William Bayless lived many of his youthful years on the Duherst farm in Penn township, and all his life was a resident of Washington. He was a farmer and also conducted a mill at Sandy Creek. His wife, who was

Mary Ann Miller, was a daughter of Joseph Miller, a farmer of Butler county, whither he had moved in early time, when the country was yet a wilderness, with bear in the mountains, and where he reared a family of thirteen children. To them were born the following children: James Mc., Anna J., John Ross, William H., Charles E., Frank N., George B., who died in infancy.

(IV) John Ross King, son of John (2) and Sarah Jane (Bayless) King, was born April 22, 1867, in Penn township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the public schools of Oakmont, and both while attending school and later as a young man worked with his father. To him, as to the three preceding generations of his family, the life of a farmer and gardener appealed strongly, and he has accordingly devoted himself to a study of all kinds of plant culture and has become an expert in the same. At first, after leaving school, he secured employment on the Wade estate with his father, and worked there for many years, but later he was offered the position of janitor at the Oakmont school, with care of the grounds, and he has thus been employed ever since.

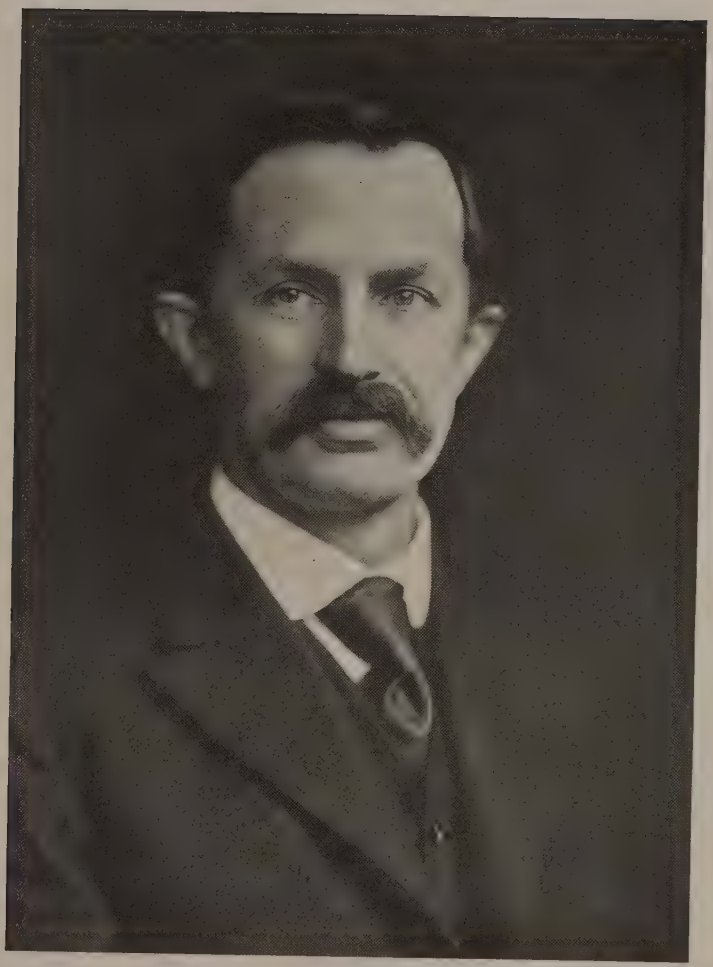
Mr. King married, April 24, 1892, Margaret Buschner, a native of Oakmont, Pennsylvania, born on the lot now occupied by herself and family. Mrs. King is a daughter of John Gotleib and Eliza (Rimmel-Shay) Buschner. Mr. Buschner was a native of Germany who came to the United States about the middle of the last century, with a family of the name of Feistel, who settled in the Pittsburgh vicinity, and with whom he made his home. Here he met his future wife, a native of Armstrong county, Pennsylvania. She was a daughter of George Rimmel, of French descent, and was first married to John Shay, and became the mother of his three children. After Mr. Shay's death, his widow and her father removed to Oakmont, and lived on the Black farm, and there Mr. Rimmel made baskets. To Mr. Buschner were born two daughters, Margaret, the wife of John R. King, and Martha Ann Rose, now Mrs. Anderson, of Oakmont. Mr. Buschner met his death by being thrown from a wagon. Two brothers of Mr. Buschner accompanied him to this country when he came here from Germany, and one sister remained in the "Fatherland." This sister was later married, and a son of hers eventually went to South America, where he held a professorship in a college. He was a clever man and a great linguist, speaking seven languages fluently.

To Mr. and Mrs. King have been born six children, as follows: John Wesley, deceased; Margaret Elizabeth; William Wade, named for Mr. King's old employer; Edward Elliott; John Ross, Jr., deceased; and Sarah Jane. Mr. King and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and in that persuasion are rearing their children.

LINDBERG

Sweden has furnished us with many valuable and desirable citizens, not the least among whom are the members of the Lindberg family.

Anders-Peter Lindberg was born in Sweden, and died in his native



John Ross King

land at the age of eighty-four years. He was a steel blower at Orebro sen Boo Soken, Gryte Breek. He married Mary Andersen, a native of the same town, who died at the age of eighty-five years.

Carl G. Lindberg, son of Anders-Peter and Mary (Andersen) Lindberg, was born in Sweden, June 9, 1851. There he was educated in the public schools, and was employed in steel works until 1881, in which year he emigrated to the United States, coming to Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. In Braddock he entered the employ of the Edgar Thompson Steel Works, with which he remained for the long period of twenty-nine years. He is a Prohibitionist in politics, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Lindberg married, in 1872, Christina Earnberg, born in Sweden in 1859, died in 1911, and they have had children: Carl, living at home; Walter, a steel worker, of Braddock; Felix, a resident of Swissvale, married Margaret Groft, and has two children, Carl and Margaret; Amelia, married Dr. Rose, and has one child, Anna; Paul, a steel worker, married Pauline Huits, and has two children, Pauline and an infant son unnamed; Ida, at home; David, a clerk in Pittsburgh, lives at home. Mr. Lindberg is the owner of the fine house in which he is living, and of a considerable amount of other property.

KESTNER

The Kestners of Fairhaven, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, descended from an ancient family of Waltershausen, a town in Saxony, Germany. There Bernhard Kestner, grandfather of Bernhard Kestner, of Fairhaven, Pennsylvania, was born, married, and lived until 1854. His son Theodore had left his native land in 1847, and seven years later Bernhard joined his son in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, his wife being then deceased.

(I) Bernhard Kestner was born in 1798, was a tanner by trade, served his term in the German army, came to the United States, settling on the South Side of Pittsburgh in 1854, there died in 1864, and is buried in South Side Cemetery. His wife was born, lived and died in Germany. Children: 1. Theodore, of further mention. 2. William, a butcher and meat dealer. 3. David, a butcher and meat dealer. 4. Christian, a butcher and meat dealer, died on the South Side. 5. Carl, a tanner, died in Evansville, Indiana. 6. Caroline, married Hermon Ross and died in Pittsburgh. 7. Augusta, died on the South Side, unmarried.

(II) Theodore, son of Bernhard Kestner, was born in Waltershausen, Saxony, Germany. His forebears had been tanners or butchers, and after completing his school years Theodore Kestner learned the butcher's trade in all its detail, slaughtering, dressing and retailing. He married young, and in 1847 came to the United States with his wife and brother William, finally settling at old Manchester, now Woods Run, near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. There he remained one year, then located on the South Side of Pittsburgh. In 1854 he was joined by his father and the other members of his family except his mother, whose gentle form had been reverently laid away to eternal rest in her beloved Fatherland. In 1854 Theodore Kestner estab-

lished a slaughtering house and meat market on the South Side, and there continued in successful business until his death, November 28, 1888. He was a man of influence on the South Side, a Republican in politics, representing his ward in the city council, and both he and his wife were leading members of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Both are buried in South Side Cemetery. He married in Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Anna, daughter of Bernhard Mohrstet, also a native of Saxe-Coburg, that city made famous as the home of Prince Albert, husband of Victoria, Queen of England and Empress of India. After the death of his wife Bernhard Mohrstet came to the United States to join his daughters Anna, Johanna and Christina. He landed in Canada, made his way up the St. Lawrence and around the lakes to Detroit, Michigan, from there coming to Pittsburgh, where he died a year or two later, about 1859, and was buried in Troy Hill Cemetery. Both he and his wife were Lutherans in religious faith. He had three daughters: Anna, married Theodore Kestner; Johanna, married William Kestner, brother of Theodore, and died on Pittsburgh South Side; Christina, died in Pittsburgh. He also had three sons, two remaining in Germany, the other emigrating to England. Anna (Mohrstet) Kestner died July 21, 1869, leaving five children: 1. Anna, married William Schafer, and resides in Baldwin township, Allegheny county. 2. Theodore (2), his father's assistant in the butcher business, died unmarried. 3. Sarah, now residing with her brother, Bernhard, unmarried. 4. Bernhard (2), of further mention. 5. Adolph, his father's assistant in the butcher business, died on the South Side.

(III) Bernhard (2), second son and fourth child of Theodore and Anna (Mohrstet) Kestner, was born in Birmingham (now Pittsburgh), August 21, 1857. He was educated in the old Bedford public school in the borough, finishing his studies in Shafer's Business College. Although eight generations of his immediate family had been butchers and tanners and his brothers were all butchers, he decided on a new line of activity, and apprenticed himself to Robinson and Rea to learn the machinist's trade. He served four years as apprentice, worked six years as journeyman, then fate brought him back to the family business. The death of their father in 1888 left his valuable business without a head, and joining with Adolph, his younger brother, Bernhard abandoned his trade and the brothers jointly conducted the business until the year 1900 when the death of Adolph Kestner dissolved the very successful partnership. Bernhard Kestner continued the business alone for one year, then made an advantageous sale and retired. In 1901 he moved to his present home on the Brownville road, three-eighths of a mile from the borough of Carrick, where he erected a modern dwelling. For eight years Mr. Kestner was president of the Progressive Mutual Savings Fund, and for twelve years was a director. This was one of the useful, successful building and loan associations of the South Side, and under wise management did a great deal of good in that section. On May 1, 1914, he resigned from the position of commissioner of Baldwin township, an office he had filled for two and one-half years. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, and a man held in

high esteem wherever known. His home is in Baldwin township, on Rural Delivery Route No. 1 from Fair Haven. Mr. Kestner is unmarried, but has a most capable housekeeper in the person of his maiden sister Sarah.

NEWLIN

The Newlin family made their home in the state of Pennsylvania during its early period, and members in the various generations have contributed their share in the early conflicts, one having served in the Revolutionary War and one in the War of 1812, and the love of patriotism which prompted them to offer their services has been transmitted in large measure to their descendants of the present day.

Jacob Newlin, great-grandfather of James H. Newlin, of Pitcairn, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he spent his entire life. He served as a drummer in the Revolutionary War. In early life he was engaged in packing salt across the mountains, and later became the possessor of a farm located near Finleyville, Pennsylvania, which he cleared and cultivated.

Thornton Newlin, grandfather of James H. Newlin, was reared on the farm near Finleyville, Washington county, Pennsylvania. He was an active participant in the War of 1812, giving valiant and faithful service. He was a shoemaker by trade, at which he worked in addition to farming, conducting his agricultural operations in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, one of the most beautiful spots in the entire state, where he spent the remainder of his days. His wife, Sarah (Lewis) Newlin, was a native of Virginia, a member of an old and honored family of that state. They were the parents of nine children, among whom was David, of whom further.

David Newlin, father of James H. Newlin, was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, and died there. He was educated in the schools of his neighborhood, and then gave his attention to the tilling of the soil, in which he was successful. After his death his widow, Ruth (Elmer) Newlin, married David Larue, and the family moved to Pennsylvania, locating in Wilkins township, Allegheny county, where Mr. and Mrs. Larue died. James H. was the only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Newlin, but Mr. and Mrs. Larue were the parents of four sons and four daughters.

James H. Newlin was born in the Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, July 13, 1849. He added to the knowledge gained at school by self study, thus becoming well informed on a number of subjects. Being inured to farm labor, he chose that as his work upon attaining a suitable age and followed the same for almost a quarter of a century, the last three years conducting his operations in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He then began to dig coal, at which he continued for twelve years, and during eight years of this period served as constable of Patten township, to which office he was elected, and for a similar period of time served as tax collector. He again took up the work of farming, which he followed for one year, and was then appointed supervisor of Patten township, to the duties of which he gave his entire attention for some time. In 1895 he erected a dwelling house in

Pitcairn, with a store in the lower part, and he conducted a general business there for eighteen years, at the expiration of which time he sold out, and during three years of this time acted also as constable of Pitcairn. In 1909 he was elected justice of the peace and is still serving in that capacity, his term to expire in the year 1915. He is capable and efficient in the performance of his duties, and he is steadily advancing in the estimation of the public. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and the Knights of Pythias, and is a Democrat in politics.

Mr. Newlin married, 1871, Milison Wright, of West Virginia, daughter of David and Lucinda (Anderson) Wright. Children, all living in Pitcairn and all married: 1. Ida Lee, married Harry Naley; children: Ruth L. and Elmer. 2. Alice Christina, married L. A. Weaver, no children. 3. John Thomas, married Mrs. Mary Sloan; children: James, John T. and Bertha. 4. James H., married Mrs. Dora Lee, one child, Winifred. 5. Katherine Lenore, married (first) George Bolen, by whom she had Allen, George and Russell; she married (second) Clem Cherry, and has two children, Ethel M. and Clarence. The family are well known in Pitcairn, active in community affairs and advocates of all enterprises that advance the interests of the section.

WUNDERLICH

From Saxony, Germany, many years ago came two sons of Gottleib Wunderlich, settling in Allegheny county in the year 1865. These two sons were Christian, a coal miner, who was drowned in the Youghiogheny river forty years ago, leaving a wife and six children, and Carl Frederick Wunderlich, late of Forward township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Gottleib Wunderlich was a weaver of Saxony, and there married, lived and died, leaving eight children, six of whom remained in their native land.

Carl Frederick Wunderlich was born in Saxony, Germany, July 24, 1836, died in Forward township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, April 14, 1914. He obtained a good education in the local schools of his district, and remained in his native land until 1865, then with his wife came to this country, settling on the Penney farm on the Youghiogheny river, now a part of the borough of Port Vue. He rented at first for a few years, but as he prospered became a land owner. He was industrious and thrifty, a good farmer, and thoroughly understood how to make his land produce bountifully. His first purchase was a small one, the land now being part of the town of Glassport. During his earlier years in Allegheny county he worked in the coal mines as well as on his land, and from this double income soon saved capital for a larger purchase. In 1894 he sold his Glassport farm and purchased one hundred and six acres in Forward township, on which he lived until his death in 1914. He brought his land to a high state of productiveness and through his energy and capability, prospered. He was a Democrat in politics, but took little part in public affairs, his family being his greatest interest in life.

He married, in June, 1863, in Saxony, Fredericka Pauline Baumble,

born in the same province as himself, in the town of Konig-Keicht, Saxony, Germany, June 3, 1840, daughter of Terguat and Caroline (Carnir) Baumble. Children: 1. William, born in Saxony, died aged twenty-eight. 2. Emma, born in Saxony, Germany; married Joseph Crossland, and resides in Port Vue, Pennsylvania; children: Fred, married Estella Smith, and has Fred and Roger; Mary, married Wesley Steenburgh, and has Watson and Bertha; Charles, married Bessie ———; Pauline and Irene, twins. 3. Marguerite, married John Cochenour, and has Fred, Helen and Willard. 4. Caroline, married Robert McClure, and has a daughter Anna. 5. Mary, married William Heath, and has Carl, Clifford, Clyde, Leroy, Fred and Ruth. 6. Fred, married Charlotte Jedico, and resides in Elizabeth; children: Pauline, Ruth, Anna and Donald. 7. Lizzie, married William Smith, and has Pauline, Howard, Wallace, Arthur and Elizabeth. 8. John, married Linnie Jedico, and resides in Youngstown, Ohio; children: Minnie, Emma, John, Catherine and Harold. 9. Conrad, married Alice Kelly, and resides in Duquesne; children: Charles, William and Conrad. 10. Charles, a farmer on the old home, married Bessie Cochenour; children: Mary, Harvey and Albert. 11. Harvey, also a farmer at home. Mrs. Wunderlich survives her husband, and with her two sons resides on the farm purchased by her husband in 1894.

McCLOSKEY

The original seat of the McCloskey family was in Ireland, where they were noted for honesty, thrift and enterprise, and the descendants of the family, who have made their home in the New World, inherited in large degree the same worthy characteristics.

John McCloskey, the pioneer ancestor of the family, was born in Ireland, was reared and educated there, and in 1833 came to the United States and located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he spent the remainder of his days. His life was an active and useful one, and his death was deeply regretted. He married Jane Mullen, also a native of Ireland, whose death occurred in Pittsburgh, and among their children was John, of whom further.

John McCloskey, son of the pioneer ancestor, was born in Ireland, attended the schools in the vicinity of his home, and then served an apprenticeship at the trade of tailor, which line of work he followed successfully in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, whither he accompanied his parents, and where he spent the greater part of his life. In later years he became the owner of a farm consisting of one hundred and thirty acres, which he cultivated and improved, the same being now occupied by his son John, of whom further. He married Minetta Harris, a native of Germany, and they were the parents of three children: John, Elizabeth, Jane.

John McCloskey, eldest of the three children above mentioned, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 1, 1837. He obtained his preliminary education in the common schools of his native city, and then pursued a course in Duff's Business College, which thoroughly qualified him for the activities of life. His chief occupation was as clerk, serving in that capacity

in various concerns, but since 1894 he has given his attention to farming operations on the farm purchased by his father, giving especial attention to the raising of fruit, his efforts meeting with well deserved success. About the year 1899 he erected his present residence, which was entirely remodeled in 1910, adding greatly to its attractiveness and to the comfort of its inmates. His life has been an active and useful one, and he well merits the respect in which he is held by all who know him.

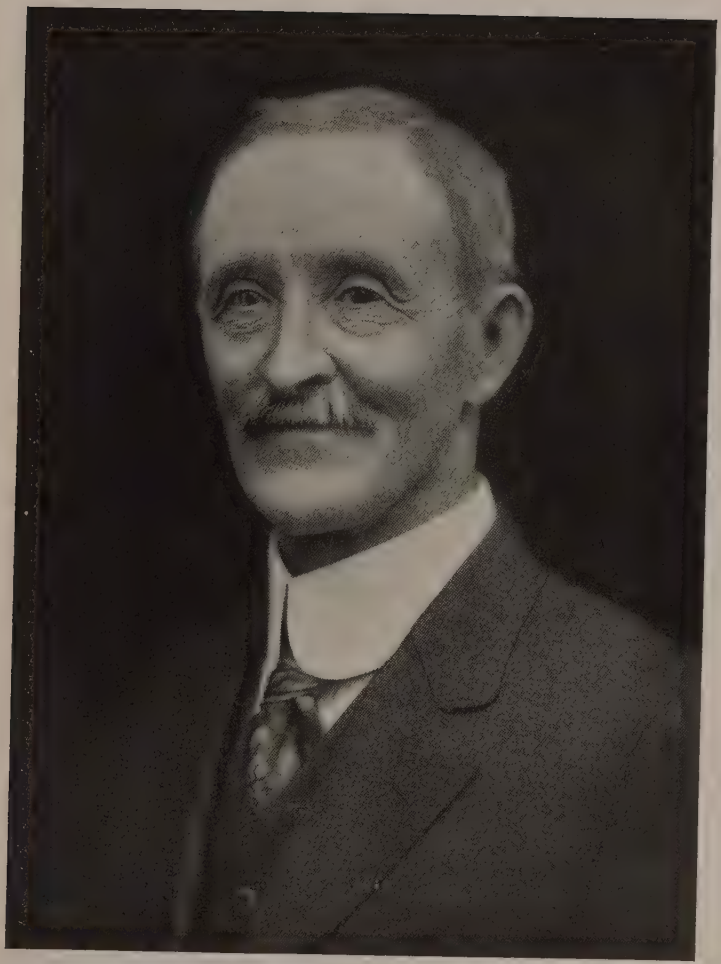
Mr. McCloskey married, February 9, 1869, Elizabeth Mellon, of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, who died April, 1888. They were the parents of one child, Mary, born February 2, 1875, married, June 29, 1895, William G. Croft, and they reside on the farm with her father. Mr. and Mrs. Croft are the parents of three children: Elizabeth Mellon, wife of Henry Aubele, of Oakmont, Pennsylvania, one child, William Croft Aubele; John, Minetta Harris, both of whom reside at home. The family are members of Colemans Catholic Church.

DAVIDSON

The Davidsons of the branch represented by Wilson M. Davidson, of Verona, Pennsylvania, descend from Scotch-Irish families, Davidson and McLaughlin, of Butler and Westmoreland counties, Pennsylvania. The Davidsons came from Ireland, settling in Butler county. There the parents came with children: David, James, Martha, Elizabeth, Nancy, John and others.

(II) John Davidson was born in Ireland, and in early life worked on the Butler county farm, on which his parents settled after coming to Pennsylvania. Later he located on Federal street, Allegheny city, where he resided until his death in 1852; he was a mill worker. He married Nancy McLaughlin, daughter of Edward (2) and Mary (Speer) McLaughlin, both of Scotch lineage, residents of Unity Station, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. The McLaughlins were early settlers in Allegheny county, Edward (1) McLaughlin first settling at the Forks of the Ohio, but not liking the location, took up one thousand acres at what is now Unity Station, in preference to the land, a great deal of which is now within Pittsburgh city limits. Edward McLaughlin and his son, Edward, both served in the American army during the Mexican War. The one thousand original acres were divided among the children of Edward, the founder, each child receiving a farm. The Speers were also early settlers. Edward and Mary (Speer) McLaughlin had issue: Jemima May, Zephaniah, Zachariah, Jane, Nancy. Children of John and Nancy Davidson: Wilson Miller, of further mention; Mary Jane, died aged twelve months.

(III) Wilson Miller Davidson, only son of John and Nancy (McLaughlin) Davidson, was born in Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, December 5, 1849. He was three years of age when his father died and from then until his ninth year he lived with his uncle, Wade McLaughlin, at Unity Station. His mother then bought eighty-five acres, lying between the present towns of Milltown and North Bessemer, and there Wilson M. lived until 1889, having the management of the farm as soon as he became old enough. In 1889 he



Wilson M. Davidson

bought the Robert Black farm of one hundred and fifty-five acres in Penn township, where he has ever since resided, a general farmer, prosperous and contented. He is an elder of Unity Presbyterian Church, which he also served for fifteen years as trustee. His ancestors were instrumental in founding this church and his mother was for seventy-two years a faithful member. Mr. Davidson has held many local offices and is now serving as township commissioner.

Mr. Davidson married, February 29, 1876, Jeanette Speer, born on Sixth street, Pittsburgh, daughter of James and Martha Jane (Wallace) Speer. The Speers, of Scotch-Irish descent, were early settlers at Speers' landing and Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, Rev. Speer, grandfather of Mrs. Davidson was a minister of the Baptist church. James Speer, his son, was a first class engineer and for twenty years was engineer on Ohio river steamboats, at one time owning and running a steamboat in partnership with his brother. Later he engaged in brick manufacturing, and while employed around his works he fell from a ladder, the fall causing his death soon afterward. He married Martha Jane Wallace, daughter of Arthur and Anna (Garrett) Wallace, the former born in Ireland, the latter a member of the Quaker Garrett family of Philadelphia and Delaware county, Pennsylvania. After coming to the United States, Arthur Wallace located with his mother in Pittsburgh, where he became wealthy, owning land along the Monongahela. He freighted across the mountains in the early days, also was engaged in the coal business. He lost his wealth later and died at the age of fifty years. Arthur and Anna (Garrett) Wallace had children: Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, Martha, Jane, Cyrus, Rebecca, George. Children of James and Martha Jane (Wallace) Speer: Jeanette, wife of Wilson M. Davidson, Cyrus, William, Arthur, John, George, Anna, Hester, Emma Jane, wife of William Elliott. Children of Wilson M. and Jeanette (Speer) Davidson: 1. Alice Blanche, married Charles K. Ryan; children: Hilda, Jane, Helen, Jeanette. 2. Nancy, married Glade Jones; children: Nancy, Zena. 3. Wilson Miller (2), married Belle McCrady.

LORCH

In Germany and the United States members of this family have been identified with the ministry of the United Evangelical Lutheran church. The first of the members of the family whom this record mentions is Rev. Carl Philip Lorch, a minister, who passed his life in German charges. He married, one of his sons, Gustav, of whom further.

(II) Rev. Gustav Lorch, son of Rev. Carl Philip Lorch, was born in Germany. As a young man he attended the universities at Munich, Heidelberg and Tubingen, and after the completion of his theological studies was ordained into the ministry. He was at first assistant to his father in the latter's church, and subsequently was called to a Pittsburgh charge. He was devoted in his ministry to his own congregation and found much time to devote to the perfection of the church organization, being at the time of his death president of the Pittsburgh conference. In the course of a ministry

that began January 17, 1869, and ended with his death, March 29, 1899, he christened eight thousand, eight hundred persons, confirmed two thousand, five hundred and eleven, performed the marriage rites for two thousand, two hundred and eight couples, gave the sacrament to twenty-five thousand, eight hundred and twenty-four, and read the burial services over four thousand, four hundred and sixteen. He is well remembered by his good works, and many of those to whom he brought the light of a true Christian life and the inspiration of service hold the goodness and piety of his life in their hearts as a guide for footsteps prone to stray and resolutions apt to falter. Rev. Gustav Lorch married Matilda Dambrum, and had children: Bertha, deceased; Clark P., Emma, Sophia, Anna, Clara, Albert Theodore, of whom further; Lena, Freda.

(III) Albert Theodore Lorch, son of Rev. Gustav and Matilda (Dambrum) Lorch, was born on Pittsburgh South Side, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, September 2, 1880. After attending the public schools he became a student in Duquesne College, completing his studies in Duff's Business College, of Pittsburgh, whence he was graduated. He then entered the service of Burkie, of Bellevue, a florist, his intention being to learn the business, and was afterward connected with John L. Myland, of Hampton township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in the same line. His next position was with the Pittsburgh Bureau of Parks, after which, in February, 1902, Mr. Lorch established independently in Hampton township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, under the firm name of A. P. Lorch & Company. Here he owns twenty-one acres of land and greenhouses under sixty thousand square feet of glass, his entire place devoted to the culture of carnations. All species of carnations, in the widest possible range of tints, are here grown, and plants entered by him in carnation shows in the United States and Canada have frequently been the object of the highest awards. Mr. Lorch is a member of the American Carnation Society, and is skilled and learned in the culture of this delicate and beautiful flower, putting into practice in his modernly appointed greenhouses several new departures of his own devising. Mr. Lorch is affiliated with the Masonic Order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, also holding membership in the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Gardeners' and Florists' Club. He was formerly a member of the school board of Hampton township, and on January 31, 1913, received an appointment as justice of the peace from the chief executive of the state, an appointment that was confirmed by election in 1914. He married, in 1901, Bertha Scheidmantenal, of Pittsburgh South Side, and has children: Alma, Theodore, Albert, George.

PORTMAN

Edward F. Portman was born in what is now North Side Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 2, 1866. His father, Peter Portman, was born in Switzerland, and came to America with his father and mother when ten years old. He died March 1, 1904, aged eighty-two years, was a farmer and dairyman all his life, and lived in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. Mary Portman, mother of Ed-

ward F. Portman, now seventy-seven years of age, lives on her farm in Green Tree borough. Her maiden name was Mary Baker and she was born in Troy, Indiana.

Edward F. Portman was educated in the public schools of Union township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and the Pittsburgh Academy at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He lived with his father and mother on the farm until twenty-nine years of age. In August, 1895, he started in the real estate and insurance business in Carnegie borough, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and is now engaged in the same line of work, having built up a large trade, and is a large property owner and dealer. He is also interested in other lines of business, and is a director of the Carnegie National Bank of Carnegie, Pennsylvania. He married Margaret Hally, who was born in Brownsville, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Portman have been born seven children as follows: Edward Peter, born September 29, 1896, died October 24, 1897; Mary May, born November 26, 1897, now attending school in St. Joseph's Academy, at Titusville, Pennsylvania; Charles Joseph, born August 12, 1900, now attends school in Carnegie; Eugene Anthony, born October 1, 1902, now attends school in Carnegie; Margaret Agnes, born June 28, 1905, died December 24, 1911; Paul Regis, born May 10, 1907, died August 1, 1907; Helen Gertrude, born June 10, 1908.

NAUMANN

Charles Naumann, a successful merchant and prominent citizen of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, is a native of Germany and descends from German ancestors. His parents were Matjo and Mary (Powell) Naumann, who were born in the Kingdom of Prussia, and there lived and died. Mr. Naumann, Sr., was a coal miner by trade and his life and the lives of his numerous family were quiet ones. Both he and Mrs. Naumann were members of the Catholic church, and in this faith reared their children, of whom there were ten. Two of these, Louisa, now Mrs. Peter Bestel, and Johanna, now Mrs. Peter Buschery, are still living in Germany.

Charles Naumann was born in the Kingdom of Prussia, October 8, 1863, and was educated in the volkschule of his native region. In the year 1881, when he was but eighteen years of age, he left the parental roof in the Fatherland and migrated to the United States of America, where he believed were to be found much wider opportunities for his abilities and effort. Upon arriving in this country he settled in McKees Rocks, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in which town he still makes his home. He had learned the trade of carpenter while still a youth in Germany, but after coming to the United States he took up farming as an occupation, working at this off and on for some time. Eventually, however, he returned to his old trade, and securing employment in the carpenter shops of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad, continued in this work for some eighteen years. Somewhere about the year 1904 or 1905 he abandoned this position, having in the meantime saved up, as the result of his industry and thrift, enough money to enable him to engage in a wholesale and retail milk business on his own ac-

count. He embarked on this enterprise at No. 1144 Church street, McKees Rocks, and has continued at this location ever since. His business has in the meantime grown to great proportions, and he now employs two men to aid him in the conduct of it. As a result of it Mr. Naumann has become a man of substance, and he now is the owner of a large amount of real estate in his community, and has built himself a handsome house there. But Mr. Naumann's interests are not confined exclusively to his private business. On the contrary he is keenly interested in the conduct of local public affairs and takes an active part in the politics of his town. He is a member of the Republican party and is at the present time serving his fellow citizens in the capacity of a member of the council. He is also very prominent in fraternal circles and is a member of a number of organizations of this sort. He belongs to the Order of Moose, the Order of Elks and the Order of Eagles. He is also a member of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, the Knights of Columbus, a South Hungarian beneficial society, and the German Beneficial Union. Besides these fraternal societies Mr. Naumann is a member of the McKees Rocks Maennerchor, and the German Catholic Casino.

In the month of January, 1888, Mr. Naumann married Magdalena Penisch, a native of Germany, where she was born. The parents of Mrs. Naumann lived and died in the Fatherland, and she came to the United States as a young girl and settled in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. Here she met Mr. Naumann and was married to him, and as the result of their union they have had eleven children born to them, as follows: Charles, now a resident of McKees Rocks; Mary, now Mrs. Miller, of McKees Rocks; Louisa; Rosa; Anna; Carrie; Albert; Johanna, who died in infancy; Emma Marguerita; Johanna. Mr. and Mrs. Naumann are members of the Roman Catholic church, as their parents were before them, and as their children are faithfully being trained to be after them. They are prominent members of the congregation of St. Mary's Church of that denomination in McKees Rocks.

HOLTZMAN

This family, like a great proportion of the inhabitants of Allegheny and surrounding counties, is of that sturdy, reliable European stock which has contributed so much to the prosperity of the entire country at large, and to the state of Pennsylvania in particular.

Louis Holtzman was born in Alsace, Germany, where he became a farmer. He emigrated to America in 1852, locating in Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he was occupied as a coal miner. He married, in his native country, Theresa Schilling, also a native of Alsace, and they had eight children. They were Catholics.

Louis F. Holtzman, son of Louis and Theresa (Schilling) Holtzman, was born in Braddock, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1856. His education was not an extensive one, as he only attended the public schools of Braddock until he was twelve years of age, at which time he

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commenced working in the coal mines. He followed this occupation for a period of seven years, then worked three years in a steel mill. Upon leaving this occupation he established himself as a merchant in Braddock, carried on this business seven years, then resigned it in favor of the real estate business, with which he has been successfully identified since 1886. In that year he was also appointed a justice of the peace and he has taken a prominent part in the public affairs of the community. He has been a member of the borough council twenty-nine years, serving as president of that honorable body during eleven years of this period. He represents the Republican party, and his opinions carry weight. His religious affiliation is with the Catholic church, and he is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. Holtzman married, August 26, 1880, Mary McMonigle, and they have had children: Alice, Robert, Rose.

THOMAS

Originally a Welsh family, the immediate ancestors of William H. Thomas, of Wildwood, Pennsylvania, were for several generations seated in England. They were of a roving disposition, William Thomas, father of William H., dying in Australia, and William H., at eighteen years of age, leaving his English home for the United States. Richard and Ann Thomas, grandparents, lived and died in England.

(II) William Thomas, son of Richard and Ann Thomas, was a civil engineer in England, a man of talent and education. In 1842 he left his English home and went to Australia, never again being heard from. He married a relative, Maria Thomas, and left issue.

(III) William H. Thomas, son of William and Maria (Thomas) Thomas, was born in England in 1841, consequently never knew a father's care or remembered his face. He attended public schools, and worked in English rolling mills until 1859, and on Christmas day he sailed for the United States. He came directly to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was employed in the rolling mills until April, 1873, when he moved to Hampton township, Allegheny county, where he has ever since been engaged, owning a farm of fifty-six acres in the township, and another tract of fifteen acres. He specializes in fruit culture and is especially noted for his fine strawberries. He has prospered abundantly and has won a high place in the esteem of his neighbors. He is a member of the United Presbyterian church. Mr. Thomas married, in 1870, Mary Jane Tucker; children: William Edward, Frank, Clara, Ely (or Eli), Jane, Rosa.

ZINKHAN

The home of the paternal ancestors of the Zinkhans of this branch was, prior to the immigration of John Zinkhan, Prussia, Germany, where the American ancestor of the line was born. He accompanied his parents to the United States, settling in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he learned the blacksmith's trade and was for several years engaged in the manufacture of iron parts used in boat building. He withdrew from this business upon purchasing a farm in

Rochester, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, whereon he erected necessary buildings, cultivating his land until his retirement. He married, in Pittsburgh, Anna Bosley, born in Prussia, Germany, who came to the United States unmarried. She died on the farm in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and after his retirement he moved to Rochester, where his death occurred about 1884. He was twice married, all of his children being by his first wife. Both he and his wife held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Children of John and Anna (Bosley) Zinkhan: 1. William, of whom further. 2. George, lives retired in Beaver, Pennsylvania. 3. John, died in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. 4. Mary, married Rev. George Getz, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and resides in Cleveland, Ohio. 5. Elizabeth, deceased.

(II) William Zinkhan, son of John and Anna (Bosley) Zinkhan, was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, June 2, 1849. After his marriage he resided on the south side of Pittsburgh, engaging in grain dealing until 1881. He was the owner of a boat, named the "William Zinkhan," which carried grain from the fertile valley farms to Pittsburgh, the most profitable market in the locality. Mr. Zinkhan moved to McKees Rocks in 1881, then but a small village in a farming community, and established in general contracting and building. From 1881 until 1892 he continued in this business in McKees Rocks, during that time erecting fully ninety per cent. of the buildings reared in that place, and conducting numerous other operations that fell within his province. He kept a large force of men constantly employed, many of the houses and buildings that he erected still being considered the best properties in the locality. After abandoning contracting he became an operator in the oil fields of Western Pennsylvania, and since then has been engaged in this line with varying degrees of activity. In 1898, on the death of his brother, John, he assumed the management of the wholesale liquor business at No. 200 Chartiers avenue, of which he has since been the sole proprietor. His only other business interest was as organizer and director of the United States National Bank, of Pittsburgh, with which he is no longer connected. Always a Republican, he was for two terms burgess of McKees Rocks. His fraternal orders are the Masonic, in which he belongs to Monongahela Lodge, No. 269, Free and Accepted Masons; Duquesne Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar; the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He married Louisa Hague, who died in 1885. Their children: 1. Laura, married Robert Clark, deceased, and lives at her father's home. 2. Stella, married Dr. Hazleton, and resides in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. 3. Rachel, died in infancy. 4. J. Ray, of whom further. 5. William B., a member of the council of McKees Rocks, lives on Singer street, and is associated with his father in business. 6. Clay, lives at home. 7. Louise, lives at home.

(III) J. Ray Zinkhan, son of William and Louisa (Hague) Zinkhan, was born in Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 30, 1878.

After obtaining a general education in the public schools of McKees Rocks and the Pittsburgh Academy, graduating from the latter institution in 1895, he entered Duff's Business College and completed his course there in 1896. His first year in business was spent in the employ of the Anderson-Depew Steel Company, and he was connected with his father's wholesale liquor business until 1907. In that year he and E. J. Huckestein formed the firm of Zinkhan & Company, locating at No. 1218 West Carson street, Pittsburgh, where they conduct wholesale beer dealings, being also agents for the Mutual Brewing Company. They employ a force of forty men and cover the entire Pittsburgh district. Mr. Zinkhan is a strong Republican, and holds membership in the Masonic order and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

STOOPS

Thomas Dixon Stoops is a member of a family associated with the region about Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, since the very earliest times. His great-great-grandfather, William Stoops, was the first of the family to make his way thither, and was, indeed, one of the earliest pioneers. The date of his settlement at what came to be known as Esplen, just below the site of the present city of Pittsburgh, was long prior to the Revolution, somewhere, probably about the middle of the eighteenth century. He came into the country, from where is not known, with his wife "Jinnie" Stoops, when the position of Pittsburgh was marked by Fort Duquesne and a few log huts. The life of the family from the date of their settlement in this wild spot reads like a novel of Fenimore Cooper. A log cabin was their first abode, and here Mrs. Stoops gave birth to a son, James Stoops, the great-grandfather of Thomas D. Stoops. William Stoops began to clear away a corner of the wilderness for "sowing land," but while thus engaged, his son being still an infant, there occurred a terrible Indian uprising which threatened to wipe out the little settlement. The family, perhaps not realizing the imminence of their peril, remained in their new made home, but Stoops himself maintained a continual vigilence. The Indians did not keep him waiting long, and he soon espied them descending the Ohio river in their canoes. Stoops at once hid his wife and infant son under the floor of the cabin and set off through the wood for Fort Duquesne for aid. The commandant of the fort, being fearful of reducing his none too great garrison, was unable to send more than three soldiers to the assistance of Stoops. These were a Captain Brady and two privates. With this forlorn hope, the pioneer set off on his return only to find his cabin in flames and the Indians gone. For a time the unfortunate man was in despair, but upon investigating they found no trace of any remains of the supposed victims among the ruins, and soon came to the conclusion that they were captive with the Indians. The little party, under the direction of Captain Brady, at once started to track the savages through the wilderness, taking up a trail they had apparently made no attempt to cover, towards their villages on the upper Beaver river. After about a day's march they overtook the Indians, but finding the force a strong one, they kept them-

selves well hidden and contented themselves with reconnoitering the enemy. Seeing nothing of the captives, they passed the main body and before long came up with an Indian chief riding alone on horseback some half a mile ahead of the main detachment. He was leading by a rope the unfortunate "Jinny" Stoops, while to his back was strapped the infant. Captain Brady quickly perceived the greatness of the opportunity, and without delay more than was necessary to obtain a careful aim, shot the chief with his musket. The chief fell dead, but the rest of the Indians, hearing the shot, hurried forward so quickly that the band had only time to escape with Mrs. Stoops and were obliged to abandon the rescue of the child. The party hastened back to Fort Duquesne with all speed, Mrs. Stoops clad only in a shawl and a badly torn skirt. For several months the parents of the child were in complete ignorance of the fate of their child and in terrible anxiety concerning it, but eventually the warfare was concluded and the Indians resumed their peaceful commerce with the white settlement. Stoops then sought news of his son and learned to his delight that he was still alive, having been preserved for a ransom. After some negotiating, Stoops finally paid in ransom an old gray horse and seven gallons of home-made wine.

Of the career of the rescued child but little is known after its romantic beginning, but he apparently developed a farm probably near the present town of Monaca, Beaver county, Pennsylvania. He married ——. Children: 1. James, a farmer who lived near Beaver Falls in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. 2. George, a farmer and riverman of the region about Monaca, Pennsylvania. 3. Richard, who went to live in Ohio, where he operated a farm. 4. Isabella, married Robert Douglas, a ship carpenter. 5. William, of whom further. 6. Sarah, married Captain James Woodburn, commander of a river craft and a resident first of Shousetown and later of Sewickley, Pennsylvania.

(III) Captain William Stoops, grandfather of Thowas D. Stoops, was born about 1813, somewhere in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, though the exact location is not known, and passed his childhood upon his father's farm in Beaver county. Upon reaching manhood he became a builder of boats for river service in the boat yards at Shousetown, Pennsylvania, and later went to Freedom, Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and worked in the yards there in the same capacity. Seeing his opportunity to engage in business for himself, he started a retail lumber trade in partnership with a Mr. Mason, locating in a most favorable position at what is known as the point, Pittsburgh, where the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers join to form the Ohio. In this business they were very successful and continued it for several years until Mr. Stoops bought a controlling interest in a number of river boats and went into the river traffic, acting himself as captain of his own craft. A small steamer called the "Skipper" was the first upon which he acted as captain and in this plied the waters between Pittsburgh and Beaver, Pennsylvania. The "Ohio" was his next vessel, of considerably larger size, but after operating this for a time he sold out his

interest and purchased a farm in Moon township, Allegheny county. After three years he traded this for a property in Pittsburgh at the corner of Fourth and Ferry streets, and upon which stood a dwelling and a large storehouse. Here he built a large boat which he named the "Return" in honor of his return to the river life, and ran this and later the "J. S. Prindell," a still larger craft, for a number of years. It was his life on the river that earned for him the title of Captain Stoops, by which he was universally known, but it was a life by no means uninterrupted, as he was a man with an eye to every opportunity, and always closed with a bargain even when it led him from his favorite occupation. His next move was the sale of the "J. S. Prindell" and his Pittsburgh property and the purchase of a farm near Shousetown in 1854. This property stood in Moon township in that time, but is in what is now known as Crescent township, the farm itself having since been known as Mark's, and later as the Anderson farm. Mr. Stoops then purchased property in Shousetown and still another steamer, the "Jacob Poe," in which he navigated the Ohio during war times and made a great deal of money. His next venture was the purchase of the Manchester Ferry, crossing the river from Allegheny to Saw Mill Run, but after operating this for two years he sold it. A saw mill situated at Sewickley, Pennsylvania, was the versatile captain's next enterprise, which, after running successfully for three years, he sold. In 1868 he bought what was then known as Begg's Ferry, but which, along with the village at its terminus, came to be known as Stoops' Ferry, a name they bear to this day. This ferry Captain Stoops continued to operate until, in 1878, he died after an active and eventful life lasting but sixty-five years. He was a man of character and wealth and a well known figure in the community.

Captain Stoops married (first) Margaret Smith, a daughter of John and Mary (Porter) Smith, natives of Moon township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where Mrs. Stoops was born. Captain and Mrs. Stoops were members of the Presbyterian church. To them were born seven children, as follows: 1. Thomas Dixon, of whom further. 2. Charles, who served in the Civil War and afterwards disappeared and was never heard from. 3. Edward, who lived at Stoops' Ferry. 4. Frank, died as a young wan. 5. Alice, who later became Mrs. Edward McFarland, of Mahoning county, Ohio, where she is still living. 6. Margaret, later became Mrs. William Hamilton, of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. 7. Sarah, who became Mrs. John Tesh, of Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. Mr. Tesh eventually died and his widow now lives at McKees Rocks. Captain Stoops married (second) Nancy McClellan, who is still living in Pittsburgh, at Mount Washington. Their children were: 1. Bessie, who became Mrs. Elmer Hoop, of Mount Washington, Pennsylvania. 2. Nancy Woodburn, became Mrs. Robert Dempster, of Atlantic City, New Jersey. 3. William, a resident of Canton, Ohio. 4. Harry, a resident of Scio, Ohio. 5. Lilly. 6. Kate, later Mrs. Sheldon Johnson.

(IV) Thomas Dixon Stoops, eldest son of Captain William and Mar-

garet (Smith) Stoops, was born in Crescent township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and grew up on his father's farm there. He helped with the farm work and attended school in Pittsburgh, where he obtained an excellent education for those days. He was still employed on his father's farm at the age of twenty-seven years, when he died of pneumonia and was buried at Carnot, Pennsylvania. Mr. Stoops married Elizabeth Hazelett, a daughter of John Hazelett, natives of the region about Shousetown, Pennsylvania, in which town their daughter, Mrs. Stoops, was born. Mr. Hazelett was a river man on the Ohio, and he and his family were Methodists. To Mr. and Mrs. Stoops was born but one child, Thomas Dixon, of whom further, but Mrs. Stoops was a second time married, this time to a Mr. Swogger, of Shousetown, and later Coraopolis, and by him had four children.

(V) Thomas Dixon (2) Stoops, only son of Thomas Dixon (1) and Elizabeth (Hazelett) Stoops, was born August 5, 1861, in Shousetown, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. The death of his father and the remarriage of his mother caused him, when about six years of age, to make his home with Mr. Christian Selfer who had married Mary McNamee, a half-sister of Mrs. Stoops. With the Selfer family the boy passed his early years, growing up amid the healthful surroundings of a farm life near Carnot, Pennsylvania. He obtained his education at the district school in his locality, and after completing his studies he remained with the Selfer family, learning of Mr. Selfer the butcher business, in which the latter was engaged. In 1888 Mr. Stoops removed to Corapolis and there opened a butcher shop on Fourth avenue on the site occupied for the past four years by Tucker's restaurant. He was so successful here that he was enabled later to build a frame building of his own on the corner of Mill street and Fourth avenue, where the Trust Bank now stands. He sold this concern in 1900 and then established himself in the same business on Fifth avenue, where he remained until he sustained an injury which rendered him unable to continue in this line of business. He then sold out and retired temporarily from active life. In 1906 he bought the roofing business of George McBrier, which he now conducts with the addition of a business in furnaces. He is also interested in the oil production. Mr. Stoops is a prominent man in his community, keenly interested in public affairs, a Republican in politics and has been elected on that party's ticket to the Coraopolis council. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., A. M., A. P. A., and the Fraternal Legion.

Mr. Stoops married, March 17, 1888, Ursula H. Holsinger, a native of Crescent township and a daughter of Patterson and Elizabeth Holsinger. Mr. Holsinger was a resident of Sewickley, Pennsylvania, where he worked as a ship carpenter. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dixon Stoops have had two children, Thomas Dixon, Jr., born 1891, and Leroy Walker, born 1900.

BALLES

Peter J. Balles is a member of a family of German origin, his grandfather, Jacob Balles, being the first of the name to come to the United States. The date of his immigration was 1843, when he brought with him his wife and family and settled for a time in

New York state and six years later removed to Honesdale, Wayne county, Pennsylvania, where he passed the remainder of his life. Peter Balles, son of Jacob Balles, and father of the subject of this sketch, was born in Germany also, in 1827, and was sixteen years of age when he accompanied his parents to the United States. Besides his general education, he had learned in Germany the trade of cabinet making, but after the family had settled in Honesdale, Pennsylvania, he secured employment for a time in the construction of the Delaware and Hudson Canal. He later found work as a gardener with John Torrey, of Honesdale, and remained in his employ for thirty-seven years, continuing his long and faithful service until his retirement in 1891; his death occurred in March, 1911. He was a member of the Democratic party and took a keen and intelligent interest in local affairs. In common with all the members of his family, Mr. Balles, Sr., was a member of the Roman Catholic church, and in that faith brought up his numerous family of children. During the six years he resided in New York State, he met Theresa Schilberger, also a native of Germany, where she was born in the year 1833, and the daughter of John and Sabina Schilberger, of that country. Her father, John Schilberger, passed his entire life in the Fatherland, and finally died there, after which his widow brought her children to the United States and settled in New York City, remaining until the time of her daughter's marriage to Mr. Balles, when she removed to Honesdale, Pennsylvania. To Mr. and Mrs. Balles, Sr., were born in all fourteen children, as follows: Peter, deceased; John, deceased; Jacob, deceased; Joseph, deceased; Peter J.; William; Charles; Mary; Susan; Theresa; Kate; Elizabeth, deceased; Mary, and Anna.

Peter J. Balles, the eldest living son of Peter and Theresa (Schilberger) Balles, was born September 26, 1870, at Honesdale, Wayne county, Pennsylvania. He was reared in his native place and educated in the local schools, both public and parochial. He in 1894 went to Elmira, New York, where he made his home until 1904, that year removing to Western Pennsylvania, going first to Leetsdale, Allegheny county, and a year later to Sewickley, in the same county. In partnership with A. C. Benzenhoefer, he founded the Sewickley Plumbing and Heating Company. Having learned the plumbing trade in his youth, he was well calculated to succeed in such an enterprise, and, as a matter of fact, worked up a large and substantial business of which he is now in charge. Mr. Balles is a prominent member of his community in more departments than that of business. He is independent in politics and takes an active interest in the conduct of local affairs, besides being a member of a number of local organizations, of a social and fraternal character. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and secretary of Branch No. 68, Knights of St. George, of Sewickley.

Mr. Balles was married, August 7, 1912, to Alice Gallagher, a native of Pittsburgh, where she was born. To Mr. and Mrs. Balles has been born one child, Paul William Balles. Mr. Balles and the members of his family are all Roman Catholics, of which faith his forebears have always been adherents.

KENNEDY

The name of Kennedy has existed both in Ireland and Scotland for centuries, but its origin cannot be accurately ascertained. Its bearers in the Emerald Isle are still numerous in the interior counties, although many of them have established homes in America, and through their habits of industry and frugality have for the most part become prosperous.

(I) Joseph Kennedy, who was born in Saltsburg, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, came to Allegheny county, in the same state, after his marriage. He settled in Mifflin township, where Duquesne is now located, and the Carnegie Steel Works cover a part of his farm land at the present time. He was a successful contractor. He married and had children: David, who was in active service during the Civil War, died from the effects of the hardships he was called upon to endure during that struggle; Margaret, married Morris Lee, died in Ashland, Kentucky; Annie, married Morris Price, and died in Portsmouth, Indiana; Joseph, of further mention.

(II) Joseph (2) Kennedy, son of Joseph (1) Kennedy, was born at Saltsburg, Indiana county, Pennsylvania, in 1827, died in Allegheny county, in the same state, in 1911. He was a very young man when he came to Allegheny county, and after his marriage settled at Squirrel Hill, in Pittsburgh. During his earlier years his chief occupation was on the river, and later he became interested in farming. He owned a farm now covered by the borough of Duquesne, taking possession of this in 1866, when he erected a number of new buildings, and made it a comfortable place in every direction. He and his wife lived to see Duquesne a flourishing town, and he had the satisfaction of feeling that he had assisted in this development, as he had divided his farm into building lots, erected about eighteen houses, and sold both lots and houses. He was a Republican, and served as a member of the school board. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. Both are buried in Versailles Cemetery. Mr. Kennedy married Priscilla Birchfield, whose parents were early settlers in Oakland, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where she was born, and she died in the same county, in 1907. They had children: Joseph, a cattle dealer, living in Chicago; David, a stone mason, died in Lancaster, Ohio, in February, 1914; Annie, married H. L. Black, lives in the old house in Duquesne; Katie, married Samuel Kelly, and died in East End, Pittsburgh; William Henry, of further mention; Charles, a cattle dealer, lives in Chicago; Lillie, widow of Otis Reneker, lives in California; John C., a sheet mill roller, lives in Newport, Kentucky; Fannie, died at the age of eight years; Frank, died in boyhood; Auriles, a bookkeeper, lives in California.

(III) William Henry Kennedy, son of Joseph (2) and Priscilla (Birchfield) Kennedy, was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, September 22, 1861. He acquired his education in the German school at the head of Grant avenue, Duquesne, and was then apprenticed to learn the machinist's trade, in Rees' shop, in Pittsburgh. He obtained employment as an engineer on the river in 1882, and was advanced to the position of captain of a boat in 1886, continuing in this line of occupation until 1911, and during this time

was in the employ of Harry Brown for a period of seventeen years. He made the trip to New Orleans many times, and retired to private life after he had spent about one year as engineer of the People's Brewery. After a short period of rest he engaged in the wholesale liquor business at No. 12 Superior street, and has been identified with this since that time, covering the Duquesne territory. He is a Republican in political affairs, and a member of other organizations as follows: Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Order of Moose, the Owls, Turn Verein, German Beneficial Union and Knights of Maccabees.

Mr. Kennedy married, in 1890, Alma E. McMichael, born at Port Perry, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Hart) McMichael, and they have had children: Margaret, Joseph, a rougher in Merchant Mill; Charles, Priscilla, William, Alma, Nancy.

SPEER

The Speer family of Coraopolis, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, descends from an ancient Highland Clan who, in their own land, Scotland, were powerful and influential, bearing arms and controlling large estates.

(I) James Speer, the American progenitor of the family, came to America in 1750, with his wife and a family of children, all born in Scotland. They sailed up the Chesapeake Bay, landed in Maryland, where they remained for about fifteen years, then removed to where McKeesport, Pennsylvania, now stands, traveling by way of the Ohio and Monongahela rivers. At the expiration of eleven years Mr. Speer removed to a place six miles from Pittsburgh, on the Coraopolis road, Robinson township. There, in a log house across the road from the frame house now occupied by his grandson, Alexander Speer, he and his wife, Margaret (Braden) Speer, lived to a good old age, Mrs. Speer dying at the house of her son Andrew, at the advanced age of one hundred and one years. They were both buried on the hillside below the log house and above the spring house. At the time of the death of Mr. Speer only two of his sons were living, and his property in Robinson township was divided between them. James and Margaret (Braden) Speer had children: 1. Robert, who did not come to Pennsylvania with the others of the family, but removed to a place in Kentucky, and later to the middle west, where his descendants still live; the Rev. Mrs. Collins, who died recently in Pittsburgh, was a granddaughter, and the Rev. Robert E. Speer is a great-grandson. 2. Andrew, of further mention. 3. Alexander, started on a return trip down the river, was never heard from again, and it is presumed that he was captured by hostile Indians. 4. James, of further mention. 5. Ann. 6. Jane. 7. Elizabeth. 8 and 9. Jean and Ginny, did not come to America with their parents, but lived and died in Scotland.

(II) Andrew Speer, son of James and Margaret (Braden) Speer, was born in Maryland in 1758, and died July 4, 1838. He was young when the family removed to Pennsylvania, and was variously engaged prior to his settlement in Robinson township, where he owned a good farm of one hundred

and seventy-five acres. He married Elizabeth Boyd, born in county Down, Ireland, brought to this country when young by her parents, and lived to an advanced age. Mr. Speer and his wife were active members of the United Presbyterian church, and among the founders of the Union Church in Robinson township. They had children: 1. James, of further mention. 2. Andrew, died unmarried. 3. Alexander, was a farmer all his life, having inherited a part of the original Speer homestead, and died at the age of sixty-three years; he married Hannah Philips, and had children: George Samuel, Emma, Arra, Ella and Laura. 4. Martha, married (first) ———, (second) a Mr. McWhirter, and moved to Ohio. 5. Margaret, married Samuel McCoy, her cousin, and lived in Robinson township. 6. Jane, married James Robinson, a carpenter of Robinson township, and died quite young. 7. Mary, married James Hazlet, of Butler county, and they resided in New Castle, Pennsylvania. 8. Ann, married Samuel McCoy, a nephew of her sister Margaret's husband, and lived in Robinson township.

(III) James (2) Speer, eldest son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Boyd) Speer, was born in Robinson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1800, and died there in 1837. He grew to manhood on the home farm, and after his marriage rented a nearby farm of Alexander McKee, which he cultivated until his early death at the age of thirty-seven years. He married Elizabeth McCoy, born in Robinson township in 1810, died in March, 1880. She never remarried, but after the death of her husband removed to the farm he had left to the wife and children of his son James. There she built a house in 1842, which was her residence until its destruction by fire in 1878, two years prior to her death. Elizabeth (McCoy) Speer was the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Speer) McCoy, and granddaughter of Thomas and Jane McCoy, who came from county Down, Ireland, in 1790, finally settling in Robinson township, where the family became extensive land owners. John McCoy, brother of William McCoy, married Sarah King, and became one of the prosperous men of the township, and founded a family that is now represented by Thomas (2) McCoy. William McCoy, son of Thomas and Jane McCoy, was born in Ireland. He owned a large tract on Chartiers' creek, near the Steubenville pike, where he died about 1835, being survived by his wife, Elizabeth Speer, until 1850; she was a sister of Andrew Speer. Children: William, died unmarried in early manhood; Robert, died unmarried; John, died unmarried; Samuel, married Margaret Speer, and moved to Guernsey county, Ohio; Elizabeth, married James Speer, as previously mentioned; Margaret (Peggy), married George McCready. James and Elizabeth (McCoy) Speer had children: 1. William, died unmarried at the age of twenty-four years. 2. Absalom, died unmarried at the age of twenty-one years. 3. Andrew, died in infancy. 4. Andrew Braydon, of further mention. 5. Elizabeth Jane, died unmarried at the age of seventy-seven years, having resided with her mother until the death of the latter, after which she took up her residence in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania.

(IV) Andrew Braydon Speer, fourth son of James and Elizabeth (Mc-

Coy) Speer, was born in Robinson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, March 27, 1833, the farm on which he was born now being a part of the borough of McKees Rocks. Until he was eighteen years of age he attended the public schools of McKees Rocks and the "Clever" district for about six months of each year, and thus acquired a good education. After the death of his two elder brothers, in 1851, he became manager of the home farm, and so continued until the death of his mother. This farm was willed to his mother and her children by Andrew Speer, their grandfather, and after the death of Elizabeth (McCoy) Speer, Andrew Braydon Speer bought out his sister's interest and became the sole owner. The barn on the farm was built in 1854 and the house in 1879. The homestead is devoted to general farming, although market gardening is a prominent feature. Mr. Speer is an elder of twenty-five years' standing in the Forest Grove Presbyterian Church, which he has also served as trustee and treasurer. The McCoys and Speers, in Scotland, Ireland and Pennsylvania, have ever been Covenanters and Presbyterians, devout in their religion and exemplary in their lives. In politics he is an ardent Prohibitionist, and has voted that ticket for many years.

Mr. Speer married, October 13, 1864, Elizabeth Ann Glass, born in Robinson township, a daughter of William and Sarah Glass, both deceased. Children: 1. William James, now manager of a company store at Cherry Valley. 2. Albert Howard, a practicing dentist of Long Beach, California; married Anna Petrie. 3. Clayton Wesley, married Margaret Blanche Riddle; resides with his parents at the farm. 4. Harvey Barnett, a practicing physician of Coraopolis; married Anna Moore. 5. Walter Braydon, a jeweler, died unmarried.

(II) James (2) Speer, son of James (1) and Margaret (Braden) Speer, was born in 1765, in the family log house in Robinson township, and died on his half of the estate left by his father, July 25, 1847. He married Mary Boyd, who died November 22, 1859, a daughter of Roland and Nancy Boyd, and they had children: 1. Roland, born in 1797, died November 15, 1880; his father left him a farm in Sharon. 2. Alexander, born on the homestead, in 1799. 3. Agnes, born on the homestead, September 4, 1802, died November 4, 1892; she married John Ritchey, of Pittsburgh, and had children: Martha, who was burned to death; James; Sarah, married William Crayton, and had one child, who died in infancy, the mother dying soon after; Ann; Mary Jane, married, August 30, 1861, Samuel Young, and had children: Charles Andrews, who married Sarah Johnston, and Willard Woods, who married Dolly Baker; Andrew, who died in 1862 from the effects of wounds received in the Civil War; John Irvine, died of starvation in Libby Prison, in November, 1863. 4. Margaret, died in infancy. 5. Mary, married James Robinson, and had children: Mary and the Rev. George Robinson, of Pittsburgh; she died January 1, 1873. 6. James Boyd, born July 4, 1807, died April 2, 1886; he married Agnes Twiford, who died August 21, 1913, at the age of eighty-two years. Children: Wilhelmina, married Philip J. Magnus, a farmer and has a son, Edward; Cordelia, mar-

ried, October 2, 1888, Dr. J. R. King, removed to Riverside, California, in 1906, and has children: Dr. Errol R. King, Hazel O. and Raymond J.; Harriet, deceased; Newton; Frank; Howard; Grant; Cora; Elmer; Garnet; Elizabeth, deceased. 7. Ann, born in 1809, died November 27, 1882; married John Phillips and lived in Moon township; children: Matthew, Boyd and John. 8. Elizabeth, born in 1811, died in June, 1841; married a Mr. Young, and died a year after her marriage. 9. Robert, born in 1813; married Sarah Sampson, and had children: William; George; Robert; Mary, deceased; Elizabeth. 10. John, born 1815; married Sarah McCoy. 11. Jane, died January 6, 1887; married Daniel Ewing, and had children: Elwilda, James and Addison. 12 and 13. Died in infancy.

SMITH

The name of Smith is probably the one of most frequent occurrence in the United States, and this is due to a variety of causes. Some adopted the name, when surnames first came into use, because of the callings they followed, such as: Blacksmith, tinsmith, etc. Others have inherited the name from their ancestors who came here from different countries, Germany, Holland, and others, and anglicized the form of the name in the course of years, so that at this period of time it becomes a matter of some difficulty to trace the origin of the various families, owing to the destruction of early records.

Alexander Smith was a native of Inverness, Scotland, was a farmer, and after his emigration to America settled at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He married Mary Campbell and had children: Angus, John, Daniel, Catherine, Alexander, of further mention; William, killed in the Civil War; Mary Ann, Isabella. All deceased.

Alexander (2) Smith, son of Alexander (1) and Mary (Campbell) Smith, was a farmer in Ross township, Allison Park, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and died there in 1908. He was the owner of one hundred acres of land, which he devised by will to his wife, to be her property as long as she lived. He took an active part in political affairs in behalf of the Republican party, and was also an active member of the Presbyterian church. He married, October 23, 1873, Mary A. Smith, born in Ohio, December 28, 1846. Children: 1. Mary Isabella, born October 12, 1874; married Thomas Deer, who is the owner of the adjoining farm; they have children: Charles Alexander and Thomas Keown. 2. Margaret Jeannette, born December 9, 1876, died June 30, 1896. 3. Edna, born July 22, 1883, lives at home with her mother.

(Maternal Smith Line.)

Finley Smith, grandfather of Mrs. Mary A. (Smith) Smith, was one of the first settlers in what is now the state of Ohio. The region was at that time a wilderness, and Indians were numerous. Hardships and privations were many, but the brave settlers overcame all difficulties in the course of time, and planned and developed homesteads which were a rich inheritance for their descendants. Mr. Smith married Ann ———, and had children: Daniel, John, Duncan, of further mention; Isabella, Margretta.

Duncan Smith, son of Finley and Ann Smith, was educated in the district schools near his home, and became a man of influence in the community. He was an elder many years in the Presbyterian church, and was an active worker in the interests of the Republican party. He married Isabella, a daughter of William McIntosh, and had children: 1. Philip, who served in the Civil War, in which he was wounded, but regained his health and strength; he married Isabella Fraser; both dead. 2. William, was a member of the Seventy-eighth Regiment in the Civil War; married Josepha Arbickle, of Ohio. 3. John, who served one hundred days in the Ohio National Guard, now lives in Madison township, Columbiana county, Ohio; he married Katherine McKenzie, now deceased. 4. Mary A., who married Alexander Smith (see Smith II, above). 5. Isabella, married John McPherson, and lives in Columbiana county, Ohio. 6. Daniel, married Margery McIntosh, and died in 1888. 7. Margrette, died unmarried in 1906. 8. David, living on the old homestead in Ohio, married Catherine Falconer.

LANDIS

While settlement was first made in Pennsylvania by the immigrant ancestor of this family, John Landis, who came from Germany, and the subsequent wanderings of one of his descendants, Uriah, took the family name into the far west. John Landis married and had children, this line continuing through his son, Harry, of whom further.

(II) Harry Landis, son of John Landis, was long a resident of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, his home near Berlin. He had a distillery for many years in Somerset county, Pennsylvania. He married, one of his sons was Uriah, of whom further.

(III) Uriah Landis, son of Harry Landis, was born October 6, 1844, died in Idaho in 1909. For several years after his marriage he lived in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, then took his family to the west, making his home in Idaho. Here in addition to his other business activities, he became interested as an investor in a gold mining proposition, a venture that met with indifferent success. He married (first) Caroline, daughter of Jesse Long, her father a farmer of Somerset county, Pennsylvania; (second) Margaret Stoner. Children of first marriage of Uriah Landis: 1. Ida, of whom further. 2. Harry.

(IV) Ida Landis, daughter of Uriah and Caroline (Long) Landis, was born November 13, 1870. She married, December 1, 1903, John, son of William and Catherine (Moore) Rodenbaugh, who were the parents of three children: 1. William Henry, died May 22, 1908. 2. Elizabeth, died in 1864, aged twenty-eight years. 3. John, born August 13, 1845, died May 6, 1913. He was educated in the public schools, and after different business connections became a dairyman, a line in which he continued for twenty-two years with success and profit. During his long business experience he built up a substantial and flourishing trade in the dairy products that he handled, and with it a reputation for honor and integrity that was never questioned. Mr. Rodenbaugh left a wide circle of friends to bear witness of his many

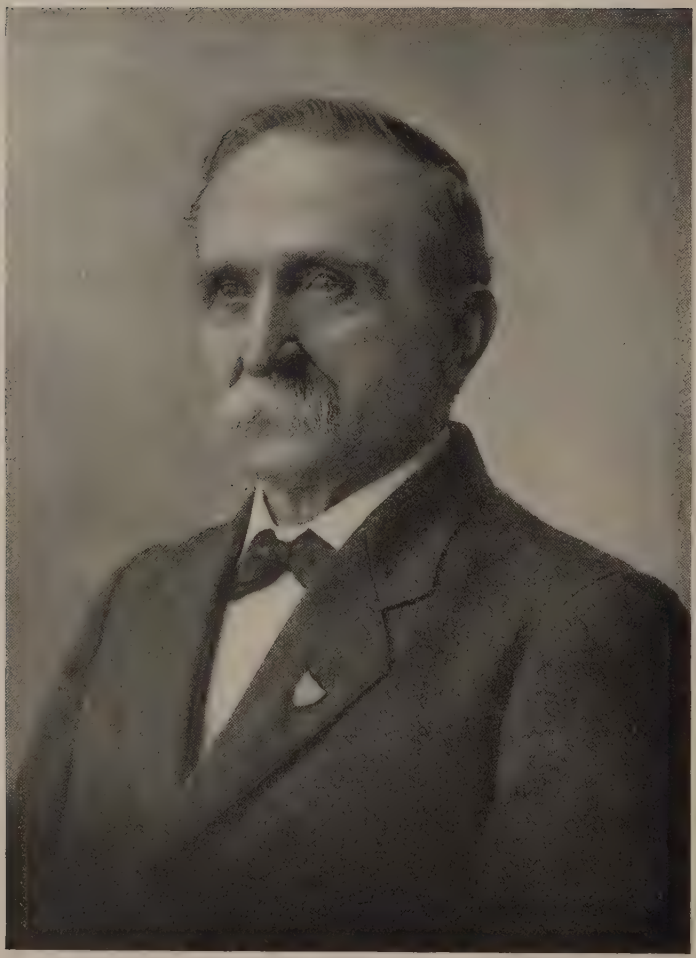
excellent qualities, friends whom his sterling merit and pleasing personality had bound to him strongly. He married Ida Landis, above mentioned. Since his death his widow has lived in their beautiful country home, with grounds twelve and one-half acres in extent, her half-sister, Naomi, there making her home.

MASON

This surname comes from England, and is found among our oldest family names, but it cannot be claimed that the immigrant heads of the several families are in any way related to each other. In New England the name appears in the earliest times of the colony, and those bearing it took a prominent part in the establishment of government and the defense of the plantations against the Indians. In New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey the Masons were early settlers, but many of the name came over at various later dates.

(I) William Mason was born in Lancaster, England, in 1828, and there acquired his education and learned the trade of shoemaking. He emigrated to this country in 1846, and joined his brother James, who had already made his home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He followed his trade as a shoemaker for a period of ten years in that city, then removed to East Deer township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he followed his trade until his death. He purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres of land, and farmed this. His political affiliation was with the Republican party, and he was a member of the Presbyterian church. He married (first) ——— Miller; (second) Elizabeth, a daughter of John and Nancy (Bear) Montgomery, the latter born in Ireland, whose other children were: Mary, deceased; Stewart, a farmer; William, deceased; John, lives in Homewood, Pennsylvania. By his first marriage Mr. Mason had children: Robert, who lives in Oklahoma; James, lives at Braddock, Pennsylvania; Edward, lives at North Side, Pittsburgh; John, lives in Indiana township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania; Ellen, deceased. Children by second marriage: Mary, married Frank Fraser, lives in Braddock; Thomas, deceased; Stewart, unmarried, lives on the homestead; Elizabeth, lives on the homestead; Joseph, of further mention; Irving, a blacksmith, lives near Tarentum, Pennsylvania.

(II) Joseph Mason, son of William and Elizabeth (Montgomery) Mason, was born in East Deer township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. He was educated in the district schools in the vicinity of his home, and at an early age commenced to assist in the cultivation of the homestead. This has recently been divided, and the share falling to the lot of Mr. Mason is forty acres in extent. He has his mother, a brother and a sister living with him. He takes an active interest in whatever concerns the welfare of the community, and is one of the leaders in the Progressive party in that section. He and his wife are members of the Methodist church. Mr. Mason married, in 1911, Jane Thompson, and they have one child, Evert, born in 1912.



Thomas M. Govern

McGOVERN

The McGovern family has been an honored one in Ireland for many generations, and no less so since its advent in this country.

Michael McGovern was born in county Cavan, Ireland, where he grew to maturity. After his marriage he emigrated to the United States, about 1833 or 1834, bringing with him his wife and only child. He settled in New York City for a time, becoming an employee in engineering construction work on the railroad. This necessitated a frequent change of residence, and he lived in New York, New Jersey, Maryland and Pennsylvania. He finally made his permanent home at Brownsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, following the occupation of a river man for some time. Later he held the position of boss in the construction work of the old National Pike, then removed to Allegheny county, where he worked in the coal mines at Fort Prairie, in Versailles township, until he retired, and made his home on the South Side, where he died in the early eighties. He married, in Ireland, Elizabeth Gillronan, who died at Becks Run, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1861. Both were members of the Catholic church, and had children: Mary, born in Ireland, died at Washingtonville, Ohio, married John Brady; Catherine, died in infancy; Catherine and Ann, both unmarried, live with their brother, Thomas; William, died in childhood; John, also died in childhood; Elizabeth, married John Schorr, and lives at Becks Run; Thomas, of further mention.

Thomas McGovern, son of Michael and Elizabeth (Gillronan) McGovern, was born at Brownsville, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, April 25, 1844. Educated in the public schools of Allegheny county, he was still a young lad when he commenced working in the mines. His record during the Civil War is one of which any man may well feel proud. September 21, 1861, he enlisted as a private in Company H, Seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and served until February 17, 1864. He re-enlisted at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and served until August 23, 1865, when he was mustered out at Macon, Georgia, as second lieutenant, commanding Company H. He was an active participant in the battles of Stone River, Chickamauga, the siege of Atlanta, Selma, Alabama, being wounded slightly in the hip during the last mentioned engagement. In the first battle his horse was shot under him, but he managed to capture a horse belonging to a Confederate soldier and made his escape, while almost all of his company were taken prisoners. At the close of the war he returned to Becks Run, and there accepted a clerkship in the grocery business of Mr. Samuel Grove, becoming associated with him in a business partnership in 1869. In 1872 the interest of Mr. Grove was purchased by a Mr. Miller, when the firm transacted business four years as McGovern & Miller. Mr. McGovern sold out in 1876 and about one year later opened a store on the Brownsville road, near the Carrick postoffice, and has been identified with this since that time, being the oldest merchant in the borough of Carrick. He was elected justice of the peace in 1889, and with the exception of one term has been the incumbent of that office ever since, his present term expiring in 1916. He has served as school director, both in

the township and the borough, and was township auditor before the borough was organized. As a director of the Carrick Building and Loan Association he has done a great deal in developing the town. He is a member of St. Basil's Catholic Church, and has served as trustee since its organization in 1905; he is also a member of the Holy Name Society. Mr. McGovern is unmarried.

ROBINSON

The original name of the Robinson family was doubtless Robert or Roberts, which after a while became Robin, son of Robert, and was finally contracted to Robinson. It is claimed that the Robinsons were Saxon Thanes before the time of William the Conqueror, and that they were seated in Lancashire for three centuries, being lords of the manor of Chalburne in that county. The name is more commonly found in the north than in the south of England, and Northamptonshire is the stronghold. On Parlimentary rolls and Calendar of Proceedings we find the forms of Robynson and Robbynsone, and some claim that Robson is a contraction of the name. The meaning of the original Robert is "famous in counsel," from "rode," "counsel," and "bearht, bert or bericht," "bright." The following mottoes are among those in use on the family arms of the Yorkshire and Lancashire branches: *Virtute non verbis,* "By bravery, not by words," and *Virtus Pretiosior auro,* "Virtue is more precious than gold." Some members of this family migrated to England before coming to this country. The coat-of-arms borne by the Robinsons of the north from whom the American branches are descended, is as follows: A gold field crossed by a green chevron with three gold cinquefoils set between three bucks tripping. The crest is a green buck tripping, with gold antlers and gold spots on his hide. While the exact connection cannot be established at the present moment with the branch treated of in this review, it may be taken for an undisputed fact that all the bearers of the name have had a common origin.

(I) James Robinson was born in Ireland, and emigrated to America prior to his marriage. He settled on the Dr. Gilford farm in Marshall township, which was known as the Robinson homestead. This consisted of four hundred acres of land which Mr. Robinson had purchased. He was for many years a member of the Presbyterian church, and an active worker in its interests. Mr. Robinson married Isabella Colter, born in 1825, died February 26, 1877, and they had children: 1. William, of further mention. 2. David, deceased. 3. Thomas, deceased. 4. Henry, died March 25, 1869, while a student in the senior class at the Washington and Jefferson College. 5. John, deceased. 6. Nancy, lives at Zelienople, Pennsylvania. 7. Belle, died March 21, 1876.

(II) William Robinson, son of James and Isabella (Colter) Robinson, was born in Marshall township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1844, and died December 10, 1913. He was educated in the public schools near his home, and spent his life in general farming, owning a fine farm of one hundred acres. He gave his political support to the Republican party,

and served some years as road supervisor. Mr. Robinson married Catherine, born November 12, 1860, died December 12, 1913, daughter of George File. They had children: 1. Sadie, born May 18, 1879; married George I. Sickles, and lives in Franklin township; children: Arthur, Clara, Grace and George. 2. William, of further mention. 3. Walter, born November 4, 1884; in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; lives in Conway, Pennsylvania. 4. Ellie, born February 18, 1886, died April 20, 1888. 5. George, born February 15, 1889. 6. Thomas. 7. Grace, born November 10, 1899.

(III) William (2) Robinson, son of William (1) and Catherine (File) Robinson, was born on the homestead, May 6, 1881. He was educated in the public schools and has always lived on the homestead. He is a Republican in his political opinions, and a member of the Methodist church. His fraternal affiliation is with the Order of the Moose. Mr. Robinson is not married.

ROBERTS

The home of this line of Roberts has for a long time been in the counties of southeastern Pennsylvania, including Chester, Delaware and Montgomery, according to the present division of the territory.

(I) Hugh Roberts was a resident of the latter county, his home being at Merion. He married Jane, who, according to some authorities, was a daughter of Owen ap Evans, of Wales, son of Ievan, or Evan Robert Lewis, of Merionethshire, Wales. This line traces its descent back through many generations to Mervyn Vrych, King of Man, one of the Welsh Princes of the little island, who married Essylt, daughter and sole heiress of Conan Tyndaethwg, King of Wales, who died 818-20. Both Mervyn and Essylt were descended from Llud, King of Britain, brother of Caswallon, the chief who resisted the invasion of Caesar, and whom that Roman general, in his famous "Commentaries," calls Cassevallaunus. Hugh and Jane (Evans) Roberts were the parents of children, one of their sons, Joseph, of whom further.

(II) Joseph Roberts, son of Hugh and Jane (Evans) Roberts, was born in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, died in Norristown, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer throughout his active life, moving to the place where he died after his retirement from that field of labor. He married Mary Walker, a descendant of the family founded in this country by Lewis Walker, of English birth, who settled in Pennsylvania in the early part of the eighteenth century, owning a large tract of land in what is now Tredyffrin township, Chester county, his estate named "Rehobeth." Joseph Roberts was a member of the Society of Friends. Children of Joseph and Mary (Walker) Roberts: 1. Sarah, married John Williams, and lived in Schuylkill township, Chester county, Pennsylvania. 2. William, of whom further. 3. Lewis, a farmer, married, and he and his wife, Sarah, lived in Schuylkill township, Chester county, Pennsylvania. 4. Mary, who married Caleb Hoopes, and lived in Baltimore, Maryland.

(III) William Roberts, son of Joseph and Mary (Walker) Roberts, was

born in Schuylkill township, Chester county, Pennsylvania, January 3, 1812, died in Tredyffrin township, Chester county, Pennsylvania, in October, 1889. He attended the schools of his native township and was also a student in a Friends' school in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, in which institution he took a course in civil engineering, a profession in the practice of which he embarked after finishing his preparation. He obtained an appointment as engineer in charge of the construction of the state canal and was stationed at Columbia, Pennsylvania, remaining in that position until just prior to his marriage, when he resigned. After his marriage he and his bride moved to the farm which she had inherited in Tredyffrin township, Chester county, the land the richest in that locality, a district noted for the fertility of its soil. On this property he erected a comfortable house, necessary out-buildings for the stock and farm implements, and there both lived until their deaths. William Roberts was a gentleman of education and cultured training, and in public affairs was always given a leading part. He was a Republican of the most loyal type, and as the candidate of that party was elected to numerous township offices. During the Civil War he received an appointment as United States deputy marshal, and after the first patriotism-inspired rush to the front had drained the country of those anxious to go to war, leaving behind only those who felt that a greater duty required their presence at home, he was in charge of two drafts made in Chester county. He held membership in the Society of Friends.

He married Susanna Malin Havard, born in Tredyffrin township, Chester county, Pennsylvania, October 16, 1818, died in April, 1905, daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Jones) Havard, both of her parents natives of Chester county, Pennsylvania. The family of Havard is of English origin, appearing in Pennsylvania about contemporaneously with the arrival of William Penn, and in the homeland was of aristocratic rank, members thereof being wealthy in their old home and the new. Chester county was its residence and there the name is numerous to the present time, Havards having contracted marriage alliances with many other of the old families of that region, among them that of Marshall and that of Miller. During the war of the Revolution the French nobleman, Lafayette, visited at the home of Samuel Havard in Chester county, Samuel being a brother of Benjamin, grandfather of Susanna Malin Havard. Benjamin Havard, father of Susanna Malin Havard, was a farmer on an extensive scale, holding title to five hundred of the one thousand acres that originally comprised the homestead, his death occurring when he was forty-one years of age, the result of unusual exertion in the performance of his daily duties. He died when his daughter, Susanna M., was six years of age, his wife surviving him many years, dying aged eighty-seven years. Although not a member of any religious denomination, he was of Quaker tendencies, and worshipped with those of that faith. Benjamin and Mary (Jones) Havard were the parents of : 1. Susanna Malin, of previous mention, married William Roberts. 2. David, married Mary Rhinehart, inherited four hundred acres of the original homestead. Children of William and Susanna Malin (Havard) Roberts:

1. Benjamin, enlisted in Company K, Tenth Regiment Pennsylvania Reserves, died aged eighteen in Camp Pierpont, Virginia, the victim of an attack of fever. 2. Isaac Walker, died in 1875; married Anna Daniels, and resided in Philadelphia, where he was a ticket agent in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. 3. Mary E., died in 1912; married Isaac Walker, who died in 1872; they lived in Chester county, Pennsylvania. 4. David Havard, died in 1885; married Margaret Rodney, and lived in Norristown, Pennsylvania, employed by the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. 5. William H., of whom further. 6. Anna, died aged three years. 7. George W., a real estate dealer of Norristown, Pennsylvania; married Jeannette McInnes. 8. Charles J., a medical examiner in the relief department of the Pennsylvania railroad; married Mary Rickabaugh, and resides at Berwyn, Pennsylvania. 9. Clarence B., unmarried, lives on the home farm. 10. Susan, married Elliott J. Thomas, lives on a farm in Chester county, Pennsylvania.

(IV) William H. Roberts, son of William and Susanna Malin (Havard) Roberts, was born in Tredyffrin township, Chester county, Pennsylvania, January 17, 1851. In his youth he attended the district schools near his home, later becoming a student in Friends' Central School, of Philadelphia. His studies completed, he obtained a position as chainman in the engineering corps of the Allegheny Valley Division of the Pennsylvania railroad, for two years being employed on construction work in Chester county, Pennsylvania. In January, 1875, he moved to Pittsburgh, becoming inspector of coal and steel rails for the Pan Handle railroad, and, after service in different departments, he became chief clerk in the maintenance of way department. He resigned from railroad employ in 1889, three years later building a handsome stone residence in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, at No. 417 Center avenue, his home having been in that borough since 1879. After resigning from the employ of the Pan Handle railroad he entered the field of general contracting, and in various lines of railroad and mine work is well known through the Pittsburgh region, his operations having been wide and uniformly successful. His business interests have not been bounded by contracting, but in real estate dealing he has a record unexcelled by any single operator, principally in property in the vicinity of Carnegie. At the present time he is active in both of the above-mentioned businesses, bears a reputation throughout the county as an honorable and upright gentleman whose simple word in business or private matters is as binding as his sworn oath, and holds prominent place among the progressive and energetic citizens of Carnegie. He is a member of Centennial Lodge, No. 544, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he is past master, and belongs to Cyrus Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He is a Republican in political action, never accepting public office.

He married, June 8, 1882, Kate Errett, born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, daughter of Russell and Phoebe (Reeder) Errett, both of her parents deceased. Russell Errett was editor of the *Commercial Gazette*, published in Pittsburgh, prominent in the councils of the Republican party, and

held membership in both branches of the state legislature. Mrs. Roberts is a woman of liberal education, fond of intellectual pursuits, and is a member of the Monday Club, of Carnegie, Pennsylvania. Children of William H. and Kate (Errett) Roberts: 1. Emily, a school teacher of Carnegie, Pennsylvania. 2. Anna. 3. Havard, a student in Pennsylvania State College.

RITENOUR

While this is a familiar name in Western Pennsylvania, Carey Clinton Ritenour, of McKees Rocks, is the first of his branch to settle in Allegheny county, his father, a Virginian, his grandfather a native of Maryland. George, the grandfather, spelled his name "Ridenour," that being the ancient form.

(I) George Ritenour (as now written) was born in Maryland, moved to Virginia when a young man and there spent his after life in farming near Woodstock, the capital of Shenandoah county, in the fertile valley of Virginia. He was an old man when war broke out between the states, but years did not deter him from military service and for most of the war period he was a soldier of the Confederacy. Like most of his family he was a large, well-built man and lived to the great age of eighty-eight years. The family were members of the Baptist church. His first wife, Lavina (McIntosh) Ritenour, died a young woman, and he married a second wife, Susan ———. Children by first marriage: 1. Alfred, of further mention. 2. Philips, a blacksmith and gunsmith of Shenandoah county, Virginia, left a good business which since his death in February, 1896, has been conducted by his son, Edward, his shop being located near Seven Fountains. 3. Joseph, now a retired Shenandoah Valley farmer, living near Seven Fountains; his first wife was a Miss Shipe, his second wife Sarah Brown. 4. Sandy, now a Shenandoah Valley farmer, near Seven Fountains; his first wife was a Miss Rinker, his second Mattie Burke. 5. Lemuel, now a blacksmith of Carmel, Virginia; married a Miss Ritenour. 6. James, now a carpenter of Seven Fountains; married Susan Nicholas. 7. Morgan, now a carpenter of Gilbeck, Virginia.

(II) Alfred Ritenour, eldest child of George and Lavina (McIntosh) Ritenour, was born near Woodstock, Virginia, in 1834, died March 3, 1896. He served an apprenticeship of five years under Abraham Baker, who taught him the blacksmith's trade. After completing his trade he opened a shop on the pike at Seven Fountains and for forty years he was there engaged in prosperous business. Seven Fountains, once a famed summer resort of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, is now but a hamlet, situated six miles from Woodstock, the capital of Shenandoah county. Alfred Ritenour, in addition to his prosperous smithy, was the owner of two fertile farms in the valley which he managed and caused to yield bountifully. He was a Republican in politics and one of the four of that faith in the village at that time. He was a member of the Campbellite church, his wife a Baptist.

He married (first) Isabelle Cullers, who died in 1884. He married (second) a widow, Mrs. Lydia Peters, who by her first husband had four children, James, Kate, Annie and Benjamin. Isabelle Cullers was a daughter

of Daniel Cullers, of German descent, the family coming early to the Shenandoah Valley, with the early German immigration to the Valley of Virginia. They were members of the Baptist church and people highly regarded. Daniel Cullers died aged eighty-seven years, having been twice married, but both wives died soon after marriage. He owned considerable land in the Valley, but was not a slave owner. Children of Alfred and Isabelle (Cullers) Ritenour, all born at Seven Fountains, Virginia: 1. William, postmaster of Seven Fountains and a farmer; married Ada Munich. 2. Cyrus Field, of further mention. 3. Virginia Adelaide, married Abraham Yates, a saw mill owner and lumber dealer of Woodstock, Virginia. 4. Zachariah died aged fifteen years. 5. Luella, married Robert Funk, a merchant at Seven Fountains. 6. Carey Clinton, of further mention. 7. Stella, married Eugene Munch, and resides at the Cullers homestead at Seven Fountains. 8. Sarah Ann, married Avery McClannahan, a farmer of St. Davids, Virginia.

(III) Cyrus Field Ritenour, second son of Alfred and Isabelle (Cullers) Ritenour, was born at the old "Cullers homestead" at Seven Fountains, Shenandoah county, Virginia, March 15, 1867. He attended the Dry Run district school for eighteen months only, and with this exception had little early opportunity to acquire an education, but by self study, reading and observation, he has made himself a well informed, well-read man. He early began working on his father's farm and as he grew older took part in the heavier work of clearing the timber from other tracts his father purchased. He also worked in the blacksmith shop owned by Alfred Ritenour, who also taught his son the simpler parts of a blacksmith's trade. At the age of seventeen years he left home and for five years worked for Linden Allen on the latter's five hundred acre plantation in the Shenandoah Valley. At the expiration of this term of employment he left Virginia and travelled westward to Licking county, Ohio, where for nine months he worked in a tile factory. In 1890, with Jacob Baker as partner, he engaged in contract work, setting, curbing and work of a similar nature, in Washington, Monongahela city, Homestead and other Pennsylvania boroughs. Early in 1893 Mr. Ritenour began working for the Philadelphia Gas Company, then running a pipe line in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. After completing this line he was sent in June of the same year to the McKees Rocks district and placed in charge of the company's gas wells there. In 1907 he was promoted to the position of foreman and given charge of the entire "Akin Farm" district in Allegheny county. This position he yet holds and on his private account operates a poultry farm in Kennedy township, specializing in pure blooded White Leghorns. He purchased his property in Kennedy township in 1895 and in that year erected his present residence thereon. He also owns residence properties in West Park and is one of the prosperous men of his community. He is a Republican in politics and for seven years has served his township as school director.

Mr. Ritenour married, April 7, 1897, a distant relative, Vollie V. Ritenour, born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, at her father's farm, one and a

half miles from Seven Fountains, in February, 1872. She is the daughter of Milton Ritenour, a Shenandoah Valley farmer, who died in August, 1913. His wife, who was a Miss Keller, is also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Field Ritenour have one child, Isabelle, born May 17, 1901, now attending preparatory school at McKees Rocks. She has a special gift for music and has made such progress that she is giving instruction in music to neighboring children.

(III) Carey Clinton Ritenour, sixth child and fourth son of Alfred and Isabelle (Cullers) Ritenour, was born at Seven Fountains, Shenandoah county, Virginia, January 29, 1877. He attended the public schools of the village until arriving at a suitable age, and then began working on the farm and in the blacksmith shop owned by his father, eventually becoming a capable smith. At first when a boy he only worked mornings, evenings and Saturdays in the shop, later giving his entire time to the trade. He continued at home until twenty years of age, then for one year worked for the Wilson Lumber Company at Wilson, West Virginia. In 1898 he came to Pennsylvania, entering the employ of the Philadelphia Gas Company at Beaconwood, Stowe township, Allegheny county. He began as a general mechanic and is now in charge of the three oil wells operated by the company in Kennedy township. He is a Republican in politics, and both he and his wife are members of McKees Rocks First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Ritenour married, April 29, 1903, Mabel S. Stewart, born in Robinson township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 16, 1874. In 1910 he built his present residence on Pine Hollow road in Stowe township and there his youngest child was born. Children: 1. Alfred Stewart, born February 13, 1905. 2. Mary Helen, born June 21, 1907. 3. Margaret, born July 22, 1909. 4. Gertrude Virginia, born April 21, 1911.

Mabel S. (Stewart) Ritenour is a daughter of William and Mary (Young) Stewart, the former born in Robinson township, January 9, 1840, died April 9, 1903, the latter born in Greentree township in 1848, died February, 1876. William Stewart was a son of James and Mary (Worth) Stewart, he born at Squirrel Hill, she at Shousetown, Pennsylvania. Mary (Young) Stewart was a daughter of Andrew Young, a farmer of Greentree township. After their marriage William and Mary Stewart lived on their farm in Robinson township, near Beacon and the Kansas district school house. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in Battery B, Pennsylvania Light Artillery. He was a Republican in politics, and both were members of the United Presbyterian church. By his first wife, Mary (Young) Stewart, William Stewart had a son, Andrew, and daughter, Mabel S. He married a second wife, Susan King, who yet survives him.

REED

This record, beginning in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, deals with three generations of the line of Israel Bebont Reed, M. D., of Crafton, Pennsylvania. John Reed, his grandfather, was an early settler in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, where he resided until his death, his occupation being that of farmer. He was twice married, having by his first

wife two children: 1. Isabel, married John Boyd; died in Beaver county, Pennsylvania. 2. Isaac M., of whom further. Children of the second marriage of John Reed: 3. James M., a resident of Crafton, Pennsylvania. 4. Robert, deceased. 5. Mary, died in fall of 1914, unmarried; lived in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 6. Elizabeth, married James Walker, lives in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania. 7. ———, lives in West Virginia.

(II) Isaac M. Reed, only son of the first marriage of John Reed, was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and was there reared, moving to Washington county after attaining man's estate, and was there married. He settled in Cross Creek, Cross Creek township, Washington county, and there began mercantile dealings, continuing in that line at the present time, his business career in that place having covered a period of forty-two years. As a Democrat he has filled many local offices, and with his wife belongs to the Presbyterian church, of which he is trustee and elder. He married Rebecca L., daughter of Israel and Elizabeth (Barber) Bebont. Her parents were old residents of Beaver and Washington counties, and after their marriage lived for a time on Raccoon Creek, their deaths occurring in Washington county, where Israel Bebont was a farmer and land owner. He was twice married and had children: 1. Enoch, deceased. 2. Elizabeth, deceased. 3. Sarah Jane, married Simon Close; lives in Carnegie, Pennsylvania. 4. Rebecca L., of previous mention, married Isaac M. Reed. 5. Rachel Ellen, married James Stevenson; resides in Burgettstown, Pennsylvania. Children of Isaac M. and Rebecca L. (Bebont) Reed: 1. Israel Bebont, of whom further. 2. John Orlando, a physician of Crafton, Pennsylvania. 3. Francis Orrin, a shoe merchant of McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 4. Thomas Charles, a shoe merchant of McKeesport, Pennsylvania. 5. Wilbur Stewart, associated in business with his father.

(III) Dr. Israel Bebont Reed, son of Isaac M. and Rebecca L. (Bebont) Reed, was born in Cross Creek, Washington county, Pennsylvania, September 26, 1863. After attending the public schools he became a student in the Cross Creek Academy, later matriculating at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. He was graduated M. D. from this institution in 1886 and immediately established in practice in his native town, there remaining for six years, at the end of that time moving to Crafton. He has since been engaged in general practice in that place and is the oldest member of his profession in Crafton in point of years of service. His wide practice is a tribute to his complete mastery of his profession, and a factor that has contributed wonderfully to his success is the confidence that his calm, certain demeanor and his unfailing knowledge inspires in his patients. He is identified with the county and state medical societies, and fraternizes with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and the Masonic order, in the last-named society belonging to Crafton Lodge, No. 653, Free and Accepted Masons, Cyrus Chapter, No. 280, Royal Arch Masons, Mount Moriah Council, Royal and Select Masters, Chartiers Commandery, No. 78, Knights Templar, and Syria Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Dr. Reed married, in 1892, Jessie Belle Dow-

den, born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and has one child, a daughter, Frances Lucile.

McKAY

Among the residents of McKeesport who claim Ireland as their birthplace, and who demonstrate in their daily lives that they possess the characteristics of that sturdy race of people, namely, perseverance, energy and thrift, must be mentioned Henry McKay, who has made a success of his business life, and whose career is well worthy of emulation.

Michael McKay, father of Henry McKay, was a native of Ireland, and there spent his entire lifetime, dying about the year 1840, after which his family emigrated to the United States, his widow, Catharine (Ross) McKay, settling in Braddock, Pennsylvania, where she spent the remainder of her days, her death occurring about the year 1884.

Henry McKay was born in county Down, Ireland, May 7, 1833. He attended the common school in the vicinity of his home for a short period of time, and although his educational advantages were so meagre he is now a well informed man on many subjects, devoting considerable of his after time to the improvement of his mind, being well versed in Roman, English, Spanish and Ancient History, a fact which redounds to his credit. On December 1, 1846, he left his native land, taking up his abode in Scotland, where he remained until 1856, in which year he came to the United States and began work as a coal miner near Johnstown, Pennsylvania, for the Cambria Coal Company. In January, 1858, he removed to Port Perry, Pennsylvania, where he was employed in a coal mine, and later took up his residence in McKeesport, and has followed the occupation of farmer, dairyman, gardener, merchant, grocer and dry goods merchant, in all of which he was highly successful, being a man of progressive ideas, honorable and straightforward in his methods, and the capital he accumulated he invested in real estate in McKeesport, being the owner of considerable pieces of property in addition to his attractive place of residence, which is located at No. 2308 Bridge street. He is a communicant of the Catholic church, and an Independent in politics.

Mr. McKay married, in Scotland, May 30, 1854, Helen McKinley, born February 15, 1833, daughter of John and Margaret (McClura) McKinley. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McKay, the first six mentioned being alive at the present time (1914) and the remainder being deceased: James, Mary, John, Helen, Elizabeth, F. Joseph, Margaret, Catherine, Ann Jane, Patrick Paul.

RAMAGE

The Ramage family is of English descent, and Benjamin Ramage was born in Reserve township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, where he later followed the occupation of farming. He was a Republican in political opinion, and a devout communicant of the Methodist church. He married ———, and had children: William, Letitia, John, of further mention; Margaret, Benjamin, Rebecca, all now deceased.

Henry McKay

(II) John Ramage, son of Benjamin Ramage, was born in Reserve township, in 1822, and died there August 2, 1904. He was a farmer all the active years of his life, a Methodist, and a staunch Republican. He married Rebecca, a daughter of William Hamilton, a farmer, of Sewickley, Pennsylvania. Children: Rebecca, died unmarried, at the age of sixty-two years; Susan, died unmarried, at the age of sixty-one years; John, married Catherine Remmel, and had children: John, Irene, Minnie, Ellis, Benjamin, Florence and Rebecca; H. W., unmarried, lives in Reserve township; Annie Gilbert, died at the age of fifty-four years; Harry E., of further mention.

(III) Harry E. Ramage, son of John and Rebecca (Hamilton) Ramage, was born in Reserve township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 5, 1861. He acquired a sound, practical education in the public schools in the vicinity of his home, and then engaged in farming, which he has made his life work. He has a fine farm of eighteen acres, which he keeps in an excellent state of cultivation, using all the most modern methods. He supports the Republican party in political matters, and is a member of the Methodist church. Mr. Ramage married, March 28, 1886, Minnie Geyer, born August 23, 1861, died June 30, 1913. Children: Jessie, married Lewis Stickel, lives at Mount Troy, Pennsylvania; Aubrey; Henry, died in infancy; Stella, married Edward Nungasser, and lives at Troy Hill, Pennsylvania; Beulah; Margaret; Edna.

WISE

The Wise family was represented among the earliest settlers in the state of Pennsylvania, and bore their share bravely in enduring the hardships which fell to the lot of those who came at that time.

(I) Daniel Wise, the first of whom we have definite record in this branch, cleared his tract of land for farming purposes, and was the founder of the Wise homestead. He married Mary Powell, and had children: Jacob, James, Sarah, Catherine, Isaac, of further mention; John, Andrew, Elizabeth, Mary, Jane, Margaret. He was a Democrat politically, and a member of the Presbyterian church.

(II) Isaac Wise, son of Daniel and Mary (Powell) Wise, was born on the Wise homestead in Shaler township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and there attended the public schools, in which he obtained a sound, practical education. In early manhood he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter's trade, and later became a farmer in Butler county, Pennsylvania. He married (first) Lucy, a daughter of John and Lucy Wise; (second) Rebecca Kennedy. Children by first wife: Mahala, died young; Andrew, deceased; Mary L.; Milton; a son, who died in infancy. Children by second wife: Marinda, died in early youth; William, Calvin, Henderson, Hannah, Phoebe, George B., of further mention; Ruth, Etta, Joseph, and several who died young.

(III) George B. Wise, son of Isaac and Rebecca (Kennedy) Wise, was born in Butler county, Pennsylvania, in 1862. He obtained a practical knowledge of farming operations under the supervision of his father, and

later became the owner of a farm of seventy-five acres at Thorn creek, Butler county. He married Josephine, daughter of Paul and Louise Garwig, and has had children: Harry B., of further mention; Floyd, married Anna Elder, and has one child, Elsie Martha; Alvin; Lula, married Frank Taylor; Lottie May, Dora, George, Bessie, Elsie.

(IV) Harry B. Wise, son of George B. and Josephine (Garwig) Wise, was born on the old Wise homestead in Shaler township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1886. He was educated in the public schools of his native township and at Locust Grove, and has conducted farming operations from the time he left school. He has a farm of forty acres which he cultivates for general market purposes. He is a staunch Republican in political matters, and a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Wise married, November 2, 1909, Mabel I., born April 11, 1890, a daughter of William Neal, of Ross township, and they have had children: Viola Pearl, born October 26, 1910; George Bradford, born July 21, 1913.

VEITH

Agriculture, in Germany and the United States, the old and new homes of the family of Veith, has been a calling that has claimed numerous of its members. Joseph Veith, of this chronicle, is the first of his line to reside in this country, having immigrated in 1879. He is a grandson of Philip Veith, a native and life-long resident of Germany, who married and reared a family.

(II) Joseph Veith, son of Philip Veith, was born in Baden, Germany, and died in that country. His occupation was that of farmer, and he conducted his operations upon a thirty-two acre tract of land, continued in this line until his death. He married Theresa Carrick, born in Baden, Germany, and had children: Alvina, Kate, Anthony, Verona, Christian, Joseph, of whom further; Rosa, Anna.

(III) Joseph (2) Veith, son of Joseph (1) and Theresa (Carrick) Veith, was born in Baden, Germany, April 6, 1854. While assisting his father on the home farm he attended the public schools. In young manhood he served for two years and four months in the German army, and in 1879 came to Pennsylvania, locating in Pittsburgh and there being employed for half a year. In 1880 he became a farmer on ten acres of rented land in Ross township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, afterward renting fifty acres in McCandless township and then returning to Ross township, where he rented a fifty acre tract. In December, 1897, he purchased sixty-eight acres of land in McCandless township, and there resides at the present time, successful in his farming and well regarded in the community. His farm is well stocked with fruit trees, his orchard a productive and profitable one, and flourishing berry patches occupy a portion of the land. Mr. Veith raises a considerable quantity of vegetables for the nearby market as well as pursuing heavier farming. He is a member of the Perrysville Roman Catholic Church.

He married, in 1879, Louisa J., born in Baden, Germany, daughter of Jacob and Louisa (Fritz) Fisher, life-long residents of Germany, her father

a butcher in occupation. Jacob Fisher was a son of Ludwig and Catherine (Hagie) Fisher, Ludwig Fisher, a gardener, he and his wife at their death the oldest residents of the German community in which they lived. Louisa (Fritz) Fisher was a daughter of Charles and Sophia (Houck) Fritz, her father a farmer of Baden, Germany. Jacob Fisher was a soldier in the war of 1800, and was the father of: 1. Louisa J., of previous mention, married Joseph Veith. 2. Sophia. 3. Catherine. 4. John, served in the German army. 5. Freda. 6. Frederick, served in the German army. 7. Minia. 8. Carrie. 9. Anna. Children of Joseph and Louisa J. (Fisher) Veith: 1. Freda, died in infancy. 2. William, resides in Pittsburgh North Side. 3. Sophia, a resident of Bellevue, Pennsylvania. 4. Charles, lives in Semples Station, Pennsylvania. 5. Louise, lives at Mount Nebo, Pennsylvania. 6. Lewis, lives at home. 7. Mary, resides at Oakland, Pennsylvania. 8. Anna, lives at home. 9. Joseph, lives at home. 10. Theresa, a resident of Pittsburgh. 11. Emma, lives at home. 12. Clara, lives at home. 13. Dolly, lives at home.

THOMPSON

The name of Thompson is one of the most common of English names, naturally to be taken as meaning the son of Thomas, although it is possible that in some instances it may be of local origin. In the United States it is also of frequent occurrence, and in all probability is the name, not of one family, but of many. Several families of the name of Thompson were conspicuous in the Provincial and Revolutionary periods of Pennsylvania history, in civil and military service. The family under discussion here came to this country from Ireland.

(I) William Thompson was born near the town of Springfield, county Donegal, Ireland, and after his marriage he emigrated to America and made his home in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Subsequently he removed to Indiana county, Pennsylvania, then to Allegheny county, in the same state. He was a gardener by occupation, and lived retired some time before his death in 1884. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He married, in Ireland, Ann Irvine, who died in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, in 1882. They had children: John N., of further mention; William, when last heard from was in Chicago, Illinois; Henry, died in infancy; Thomas, a contractor, died at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Elizabeth, died unmarried in Moon township; Margaret, died unmarried in Moon township; Anna, married Anson B. Harper, died in Pittsburgh.

(II) John N. Thompson, son of William and Ann (Irvine) Thompson, was born in county Donegal, Ireland, about 1837, and was a child when brought to the United States by his parents. He was a ship's carpenter by occupation, and was thus employed until after the war, and was then engaged in general contracting until his death in 1885. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and of the Republican party, and served once as judge of elections. He married Elizabeth Phillips, who died in 1882, a daughter of John B. and Anna (Speer) Phillips, granddaughter of James and ——— (Boyd) Speer, and granddaughter of William and Susanna

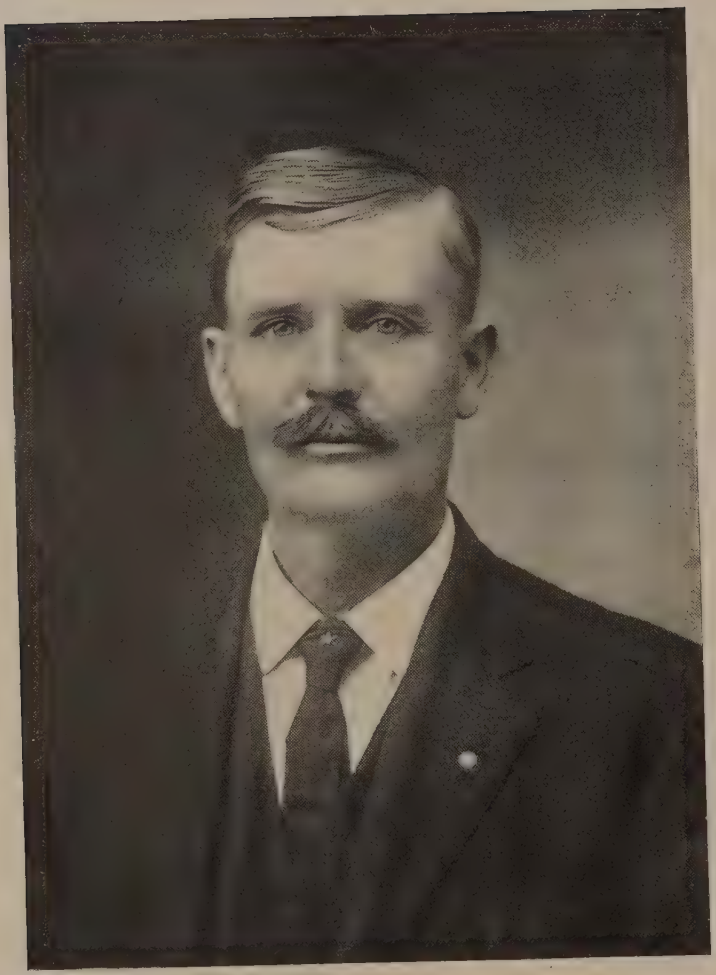
(Neely) Phillips. The Speers and the Phillips were among the early settlers of that section of the country. Children of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson: Henry, died in infancy; Ella, died at the age of four years; J. Edgar, of further mention; John Irvine, chief engineer for the government at Lock No. 4, on Neville Island; William E., is the business manager for a manufacturer at Wheeling, West Virginia.

(III) J. Edgar Thompson, son of John N. and Elizabeth (Phillips) Thompson, was born in Allegheny City, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, October 2, 1870. He was educated in the public schools of the Fifth Ward, then attended Duff's Business College in Pittsburgh, from which institution he was graduated in 1889 or 1890. For a time he was a clerk for Chantler & Cunningham, and in grocery stores until the year 1900, when he came to Coraopolis and was employed in the Coraopolis National Bank two years. He then became assistant treasurer for the Ohio Valley Trust Company, an office he held until 1912, when he was made secretary-treasurer of the corporation, and is still the incumbent of this office. He is an Independent in his political opinions, and his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Thompson married, in 1905, Mary, born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Thomas Greiner, and they have had children: Frank G. and Dale Phillips, died in infancy; Mary Elizabeth; Wayne Edgar.

McWHINNEY

Andrew McWhinney, the immigrant ancestor of this family, was born in Belfast, Ireland, and emigrated to this country with his family about 1845, making his home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He had been a ship's carpenter, and in Pittsburgh he found employment in this line with the Standard Oil Company, working for this concern many years. His death occurred at the age of eighty-one years. He was a tall, sinewy man, of fine appearance, and weighed almost two hundred pounds. He married Belle ——, also born in Belfast, Ireland, who died at the age of seventy-five years. They both belonged to the Methodist church.

(II) James McWhinney, son of Andrew and Belle McWhinney, was born in Belfast, county Antrim, Ireland, in 1825, died in Pennsylvania, October 31, 1888. In his boyhood he learned the carpenter's trade under the supervision of his father, and he was already a young man when he came to the United States. His first position was at the Elida Furnaces, owned by James Laughlin, and he then managed the Laughlin country place at Hazlewood for a few years. In 1869 he went to Six Mile Ferry, where he was engaged in truck farming for some years, and in 1874 removed to Homestead, where he was engaged in teaming and the livery business. In 1878 he was appointed street commissioner of Homestead, and filled that office until his death. Politically he was a Republican, and he and his wife were charter members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Homestead. Mr. McWhinney married Elizabeth McDade, born in Pittsburgh, in 1831, died in October, 1901. She was a daughter of James and Elizabeth McDade, both born near Belfast, Ireland, and came to America about 1830.



John. W. McWhinney

For many years Mr. McDade conducted a store at Bardstown, now a part of Pittsburgh, then bought a farm near New Galilee, Beaver county, on which he died at the age of eighty years, his wife dying at the age of sixty-eight years. Both were Methodists. Mr. and Mrs. McWhinney had children: 1. James, the owner of a fine fruit farm at Kittanning, married Matilda Cusac. 2. Andrew, a painter, lives in Homestead Park. 3. Margaret, married James B. Wall, now deceased; she lives in Pittsburgh. 4. John Wesley, of further mention. 5. Alexander, a painter, lives at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. 6. Robert, lives at Homestead, Pennsylvania, which he has served as postmaster and burgess, and has been a Republican member of the state legislature for ten years; he is in the real estate business, is a director in several land companies, and vice-president of the Homestead and Mifflin Street Railway Company; he married Ada Eliza Craig. 7. William, a painter, unmarried, lives with his brother, John Wesley. 8. Alice, married Thomas Williams, a steel mill worker, and lives at Pittsburgh. 9. Elizabeth, who died in 1899; was the wife of L. A. Elliott.

(III) John Wesley McWhinney, son of James and Elizabeth (McDade) McWhinney, was born at Hazlewood, now a part of Pittsburgh, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, February 18, 1862. He received an excellent education, attending the public schools at Hazlewood, Six Mile Ferry and Homestead, until he was eighteen years of age, when he became a clerk for the Carnegie Steel Company. In April, 1882, he became a fireman for the same company, holding this position until he was advanced to that of engineer, and has now held this position for the same company for the long period of thirty-one years, during which time he has never had an accident, an unusually creditable record. His engine is one of the largest in the Carnegie Steel Company's yards. Mr. McWhinney purchased the house erected by his father in 1881 at No. 152 West Tenth avenue, and has lived in it up to the present time. He is a Republican, and a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mr. McWhinney married, November 15, 1908, Elizabeth Van Horn, born near Parnassus, Pennsylvania, November 18, 1867, died March 18, 1914. She was a daughter of William Alexander and Ida Mary (Slocnack) Van Horn, who were married in 1851 and lived in Pittsburgh. Mr. Van Horn was a coal operator, having a retail establishment in Pittsburgh, where he died, March 6, 1894, at the age of eighty-six years. Mr. McWhinney has no children.

THOMAS

Irvin James Thomas is a member of an old German-American family, which for a number of generations has been identified with Somerset county, Pennsylvania, among whose lovely hills successive members of the family have engaged in the basic human industry, agriculture.

(I) The paternal grandparents of the Mr. Thomas who forms the subject of this sketch, Jacob and Elizabeth Thomas, were residents of the region, he being a farmer who had purchased in a wild state a tract of some four or five hundred acres of land, which to a great extent he cleared and

tilled. By a former marriage he had had three children, only one of whom reached mature years. This was Peter Thomas, who inherited a portion of the farm, but whose subsequent death left the property intact to the children of the second marriage. These were Simon, who now lives on a part of the old homestead, and Ephraim, the father of Irvin James Thomas. Jacob Thomas and his family were staunch Lutherans, people of strong moral fibre and intelligence, of the type which forms the backbone of the great rural population of America. He was in his youth a Whig, and continued so up to the time of the formation of the Republican party as an expression of the new issues arising before the American people, after which he joined the new movement.

(II) Ephraim Thomas, the second son of Jacob and Elizabeth Thomas, was born on his parents' farm in Somerset county, Pennsylvania, March 4, 1853. He passed his childhood and grew up on the old place, of which he inherited two hundred and thirteen acres, and has there made his home up to the present time. He is, like his father, a staunch member of the Republican party and actively interested in the questions of the day. On the old farm property there have been discovered several fine veins of coal which have given it great value, and recently Mr. Thomas sold it to the Conaway Coal Company. Mr. Thomas married Cora Augusta Hammer, a native of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, where she was born December 2, 1863, in Jenner township. On Mrs. Thomas's side the associations with Somerset county are not less venerable or worthy than on her husband's. The founder of the Hammer family in America was Solomon Hammer, a native of Germany, who emigrated to this country about the year 1800 and settled in Jenner township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, the home of the family until shortly after the birth of Mrs. Thomas, when they moved to Roxbury, Pennsylvania, now a ward of Johnstown. Solomon Hammer took up eight hundred acres of land and here passed the remainder of his life and died at a good old age. He and his family were members of the Baptist church. Joseph Hammer, a son of Solomon Hammer, was born and grew to man's estate on the old Hammer farm. As a small child he fell from his bed and was crippled for life by the injuries he received. Soon after marriage he removed to Roxbury, Pennsylvania, where he learned the trade of shoe making, following the same up to within a short time of his death at the age of sixty years. Shortly before his death he engaged in the business of commission merchant and dealt considerably in stocks. He was married to Elizabeth ——, also a native of Jenner township. Their children were: Nettie, later Mrs. John B. Shaeffer, her husband an electrician of Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Ella, who later married Mr. Chriss, engaged in the real estate business in Johnstown, Pennsylvania; Pearl, married George Baldwin, a conductor, of Johnstown; Charles, now a physician, of Johnstown; Ross, also a resident of that place. Cora Augusta Hammer, who later became Mrs. Thomas, was the eldest of the large family of children: To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were born six children, as follows: Irvin James, of whom forward; Ida May, who later married Irvin S. Faust, who carries on a retail

coal and ice business in Ellwood City, Pennsylvania; George Morton, a school teacher in Allentown and resides at home; Slater Wilson, who also teaches and is at present attending college at Ada, Ohio; William Harvey, also a teacher, residing at home; Cora Belle, now in the district school.

(III) Irvin James Thomas, a son of Ephraim and Cora Augusta (Hammer) Thomas, was born December 26, 1881, in Oconoma township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, on the old Thomas homestead, where his father had been born before him. His first schooling was gained at the local schools in the vicinity of his home, and he later attended the normal schools in the district. Teaching is a family ability and taste with the Thomas household, and Irvin James began his career by entering that profession, as have all his brothers after him. For five years he taught in the school of his home township, but feeling that the opportunities in a business career were greater, he then abandoned this position and took a commercial course in a college at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Having completed his studies satisfactorily, he removed to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and there secured a position as bookkeeper with the Fairbanks Company, manufacturers of the well known scales. This was in 1903, and it is interesting to note that Mr. Thomas is still employed by this company. In the year 1909 he was made cashier of the Fairbanks Company, a position which he still holds. Mr. Thomas is a very young man to hold so responsible an office, being but twenty-eight years of age at the time of his appointment, nor is this the only position of trust and responsibility in which he has been placed. From 1908 to 1910 he was associated with the Coffield Real Estate Company as secretary. In the year 1909 he changed his place of residence from Pittsburgh to Coraopolis, where he built himself an attractive house at No. 812 Seventh avenue. Politically Mr. Thomas is a member of the Republican party, and is actively interested in the affairs of his community.

Mr. Thomas married, October, 1909, Julia Jane Ritchey, a daughter of Robert and Jennie Ritchey, of Columbiana county, Ohio, where she was born. Mrs. Thomas is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have been born two children, Richard Warren, born October 18, 1910, and an infant daughter, born December 12, 1913.

LITTLE

Isaac Little, now a retired iron molder and farmer of Ohio township, Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, is a son of David Little, born in Ireland, who came to Pittsburgh a young man and there died in 1862, a foundry worker. He married Susannah, daughter of John Thompson, and had issue: 1. James, died young. 2. John, married Elizabeth Lester and moved south; he served in the Confederate army, fought at Gettysburg and was there taken prisoner by his brother David, a Union soldier. 3. Elizabeth, deceased; married John Hawthorn. 4. William, died young. 5. Joseph, deceased; married Mary Black. 6. Agnes, deceased; married David Taylor. 7. David, a soldier in the Union army at Gettysburg, met and captured his brother John, a soldier of the Confederacy. 8. Isaac, of further mention. 9. Robert, deceased.

Isaac Little, eighth child and sixth son of David and Susannah (Thompson) Little, was born near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 17, 1842. He was educated in public schools, and on arriving at suitable age learned the molder's trade with Nicholson & Paine at their works below Lock No. 1, on the Monongahela river. He continued working at his trade until 1900, then retired. He lived as well as worked in Pittsburgh, until 1876, then purchased a small farm in Ohio township, near Bellevue, where he has since resided. He continued working at his trade until 1900, making the journey from farm to foundry each day. The only break in his life as a molder was in 1876, when allured by the discovery of gold he made the journey to the Black Hills, in search for the golden metal. He soon decided there was more gold to be obtained in Pittsburgh, returned and has since lived at the little farm. Since 1900 he has devoted himself entirely to his orchards, poultry and fields and there is spending a contented, happy old age. He erected all buildings upon his farm, in fact, every tree, bush, flower or building speaks eloquently of the care and attention he has bestowed upon this haven of comfort, to him the dearest spot on earth. In religious faith Mr. Little is a Presbyterian. He never married.

KUMMER

The vessel on which Henry Kummer, the founder of the American line of his family, came to the United States, docked at New Orleans, Louisiana, having consumed eight weeks in making the passage from Germany to that port. Prussia, Germany, was the birthplace of Henry Kummer, and there he was reared and educated, making his home in that country until after his marriage and the birth of six children, three of whom died in Germany. He was a farmer and drover in his native land, and soon after immigrating to the United States moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he remained for one year. In this city he formed a partnership in the hotel business, through which association he lost all of his possessions, his partner embezzling the entire funds and absconding. Coming with his family to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mr. Kummer there made a fresh start, soon afterward purchasing a farm in McCandless township and cultivating it until his death, which occurred while he was on a visit in Butler county, Pennsylvania. He married, in Germany, Maria Lappy, a native of that country, and of the six children of this union the following attained mature age: 1. William, a farmer of West View, Pennsylvania, aged ninety years. 2. Frank H., of whom further. 3. Sophia, married a Mr. Meyers.

Frank H. Kummer, son of Henry and Maria (Lappy) Kummer, was born in Prussia, Germany, May 28, 1836. He had been attending the public schools of his native land but a short time when his parents brought him to the United States. In St. Louis, Missouri, for a time he was a student in a school where German was the language spoken, and after coming with his parents to Pennsylvania he was enrolled in a public school. At the early age of eleven years he became self-supporting, working for his board, and for two winters attended school, then became second engineer on a river-